



THE
JOSEPHINE AVENUE GROUP

Minutes of JAG meeting 13th September 2011 (approved 21st November)

1. Attendance: Peter & Victoria Clasen, Emmanuel Parrenin, Sam Anderson, Ophelia Nazareth, Chris van Duuren
2. Apologies: Tim Fairhurst (who provided extensive notes), Tim Sutton, Louise Belson, Julia Wait, Garry Turnbull, Cllr Ruth Ling, SNT
3. Minutes of 13th June agreed.

Police, Safety and Council

4. PC passed on the message that Paul Holmes will attend Safer Neighbourhood Team on 15th.
5. Brief discussion of riots. Although the apparent professionalism of those sorting and distributing stolen goods on Josephine Avenue was concerning, SA hoped that it was a one-off. EP thought it was important that Lambeth and JAG continue to focus efforts on Tulse Hill, for example by supporting local initiatives as JAG had already done (£100 to garden project).
6. Neighbourhood Watch. PC explained that Josephine Avenue is now a registered Neighbourhood Watch area, distributed stickers and explained that scheme promoted basic crime awareness and prevention. CD observed scheme may help reduce insurance costs for residents.

Environment and Community

7. Police apparently raided South Beach over bank holiday (EP), complaints from that weekend had given further weight to case against South Beach, which has nonetheless succeeded in postponing the appeal hearing (PC), so a mixed bag. No update on 85 Brixton Hill.
8. Some residents on even side of Avenue had suffered aggression when challenging non-residents parking in the private access road. SA suggested that the AGM leaflets might specifically mention the opportunity to address the issue in a group. PC outlined the possible solution offered by <http://www.parkforce.com>
TF: AGM leaflets to be amended accordingly
9. BLIP (gardening project between Josephine Avenue and Brixton Water Lane). PC briefed from TF's account of his positive meeting with Mike Noy. BLIP likely amenable to erecting trellising etc to provide screening in future. SA said that TF had the issue in hand.
TF: Please continue
10. SA said that 36, 38 (and London & Quadrant-owned 40) were on cusp of instructing Wreford to treat Japanese knotweed. Other residents might be

interested that Wreford appeared to offer relatively reasonably priced treatment.

*Any resident with knotweed: to note, preferably for co-ordinated action.
SA happy to provide further details.*

11. There was a vote of thanks to SA and CD for organising a successful street party. SA reported that the street party cost JAG £291 (total cost £394, details provided to EP, treasurer). General praise for the clown. SA agreed to provide some Lessons Learnt for any future organiser of a similar event. CD and SA thanked everyone who helped on the day and in the organisation of the street party.

SA: lessons please

12. Next Streetclean planned for 22 October. Email from LB stated that requests received thus far were for clearing litter, pruning low tree branches streetside with owner permission, removing ivy, painting pillars & weeding overgrowth at the Jobcentre. SA stressed the importance of owner permission in advance of gardening works, but saying that LB and Keith Hill were aware of this. PC and CD thought it unrealistic to get specific consent from each owner. EP agreed that it was important for those who felt strongly to be able to object to Streetclean activities in advance, however where there was no great sense of ownership over a garden by residents, then Streetcleaners should assume consent.

13. There was a vote of thanks to Tim Sutton and volunteers of Urban Art, successful in raising money and publicity for Josephine Avenue despite the rain. EP thought it reasonable for Urban Art to request the trimming of sides of streetside hedges along the railings immediately before Urban Art. All agreed that there were too few people present to resolve the issue but a written mandate between Urban Art and JAG would be a useful means of clarifying roles and expectations so that street resources could be best used for a successful community event (including for example whether Urban Art could count on street preparation and other voluntary help from JAG, Urban Art undertakings on the budget, and an agreed way of negotiating street closures).

EP: to discuss with Tim Sutton

14. There was a vote of thanks to CD for the success of the sound stage at Urban Art, CD in turn thanked Tim Sutton for publicity, Graham for various help, all the cake-bakers, Graham and Kai for technical help and SA, Sibs, and Sarah Leon for help on the day. CD noted some volunteer fatigue, resulting in fewer cakes and therefore less money. The sound stage had made a small loss of £62.46 despite £360.56 raised by cake sales.

15. As set out in the agenda, most of the financial points were postponed until the AGM. EP to set out budget and prepare account for discussion at AGM, planned to cover sound stage loss, allocate money for skips (if required). Accounts to be transparent.

JAG officers: to explore legal status of JAG.

16. Ideas for other events. Any takers for a pub quiz team? (EP) PC to propose Guy Fawkes event before Brockwell Park fireworks night.

Next events: 22nd Oct. street-clean

31st Oct. meeting & AGM

13th Dec. meeting followed by drinks