

**Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum**  
**Wednesday, 9 May 2018**  
**Living Centre, 6.30–8pm**

**Minutes**

1. **Present:** Donna Turnbull, Slaney Devlin, Fran Heron, Chezerina Dhawali (British Library), Cllr Roger Robinson, Anwar Zaman, Mary Wood, Penny Jones, Helia Evans (Ossulston Estate TRA), Rienzi Trento

**MW is part of a group called Somers Town Voice, helping to keep older people up to date about local news.**

CD said it was her last meeting as Emma Morgan is soon returning from maternity leave. FH thanked her for her great efforts in bringing together the British Library and Somers Town residents.

2. **Apologies:** Richard Harrison, George Cochrane, Amber Perrier, Hannah Camm, Cllr Paul Tomlinson, Cllr Samata Khatoon

3. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:**

SD to correct date on minutes to 11 April 2018. AW asked his name to be added to the list of apologies, which he had given in good time. A provisional date for an AGM was set for 18 July 2018.

4. Privacy and GDPR compliance. The Forum agreed a new Privacy Policy.

**Action: SD to upload Privacy Policy to website and email the mailing list informing them of changes in privacy law and making them aware of the new policy.**

5. **Heritage.** RR reported that a group were meeting George Cochrane to discuss space in the British Library extension to celebrate and study Somers Town's rich history. CD reported she had found some washing line finials in the library and asked staff to look for other artefacts.

PJ gave the forum a print by Camden artist Wanda Garland of the rebuilding of St Pancras Station. There was a discuss about how our history could be reflected through art in the built environment, such as murals and reliefs on buildings.

**Action: SD to phone Wanda and confirm we can reproduce the print on our website.**

6. **Greening.** LUC have produced a greening strategy for Somers Town and have recommended starting by making environmental improvements to the north and south courtyards of Levita House in the Ossulston Estate. A consultation event is planned in Levita courtyard on 16 June. RT described the work he was doing with local residents to improve and enjoy the semicircle garden on the west of the estate. All agreed that while we welcome Environmental improvements and opportunities to garden in Somers Town, we want to be consulted at the beginning of any process and to feed in early to any reports. There was a discussion about ambitious greening projects around the world, including the Bosco Verticale in Milan. Some of the HS2 replacement trees were felt to be inappropriate.

**Action: SD to discuss inappropriate trees with Camden officer Andrew Hinckley.**

7. **HS2:** Utility trial holes are to be dug on Chalton Street, Phoenix Road and Eversholt Street in May and June. HS2 keep changing the dates, making it confusing for residents. Eversholt is to close northbound in May/June which will make getting around very difficult for those reliant on local buses.
8. **Other development:** There is no news from Crossrail 2 or British Library.
9. **Dates of future meetings:** 13 June 2018; 18 July 2018

#### **10. AOB**

Drummond Street area is setting up a neighbourhood forum and has asked us to comment.

**Action: SD to write wishing them the best of luck!**

Keir Starmer's meeting on HS2 has been moved to 21 June 2018, Netley School, 7:30pm.

Cheezelo cheese shop on Chalton Street have a period by STABO asking that parking restrictions are lifted Wednesday and Thursday as the market isn't happening and it makes deliveries, etc more difficult.

UCL have offered SD £75 in vouchers for attending an event on health. It was agreed she could accept.