

Meeting Minutes for Waltham Forest LETS AGM – 17 November 2013 **Quaker's Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17**

Attendees:

Lanka Gunaratne (83), Margaret Packer (38), Eleni Leoussi (623), Deryl Walsh (362), Jerry Nally (597), Simone Philcox (531), Doreen Ryan (530), Sue Wheat (417), Rasheeqa Ahmad (696), Paul Gasson (532), Willy Forbes (746), Zoe Edmonds (550), Melanie Walker (734), Karen Walker (non member)

1. Welcome

Sue Wheat welcomed everyone and summarised the agenda.

2. Minutes of 2012 AGM

The minutes were approved. It was noted that the committee had not followed up on all the actions, and ideally would review the minutes more rigorously in future.

3. Chair's report

Sue presented her written report (see here), and thanked the committee for their work. Highlights included 79 new members joining, nearly 10,000 beams traded, and a substantial increase in the number of trades to 570 (from 243 in 2012).

4. Treasurer's report

Reserves have increased slightly in the last year to £2,473. Suggestions for how we could spend some of this included a banner, pop up display, a video, and possibly for specific project work where there is no member with the time & skills to do the work in beams.

5. Skills needed

Zoe offered to distribute leaflets, Melanie offered admin support & beams treasurer, Margaret offered admin, Rasheeqa offered admin support, Jerry offered members link & acting as a local LETS coordinator, Deryl offered admin support & members link, Lanka offered LETS emails.

6. Proposal

Following a discussion about paying members in beams for LETS support, Sue proposed a new scheme. The following was approved with 1 abstention:

The beams treasurer works out how many beams have been paid into admin account on a quarterly basis, and all members who notifies LETS of their hours worked are paid on a pro rata basis up to a rate of 10 beams an hour.

6. Committee elections

Current committee members explained what they do. Sue & Eleni are standing down.

Chair: Rasheeqa with Sue co-chairing until end Jan 2014; Treasurer: Paul; Beams

Treasurer: Melanie; Other committee members: Doreen, Simone, Lanka, Jerry.

Additionally, Zoe & Eleni offered to support the committee; Deryl, Lanka & Jerry offered to support monthly enrolments at Hornbeam.

Everyone thanked Sue & Eleni for their work on the committee over the last few years.

7. AOB

Deryl raised concerns about the fairness of some traders who are charging beam rates well in excess of 10 per hour; there was a discussion of setting a flat rate 10 beams per hour. It was agreed that we wouldn't impose a flat rate, but a future committee meeting will agree wording for the website & LETS loop on the recommended 10 beams rate.

It was agreed that we'd run another 'LETS forage', and that the Committee would meet to plan future 2014 events.