

## **Meeting Minutes for Waltham Forest LETS AGM – 21 October 2012** **Quaker's Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17**

### **1. Welcome**

15 people attended the AGM and were welcomed by the chair, Sue Wheat.

### **2. Approval of 2011 AGM minutes**

The minutes from the previous AGM held on Sun 27th Nov 2011 were approved as an accurate record.

### **3. Chair's report**

The chair advised that 243 trades have been conducted in the last 11 months, for a total of 9,042 beams. She listed some of the main events run or attended by WF LETS, which included "Your money or your life" for Transition Leytonstone, LETS meet, LETS forage, LETS chill, Hornbeam Summer Celebration, Apple Day, LETS Paint. The admin account is in debit by 10,000 beams (a further 10,000 were written off as bad debt in 2008); the committee has taken a number of steps to reduce this.

### **4. Treasurer's report and approval of 2011/12 accounts**

The 2011/12 accounts were approved.

### **5. Proposal to change annual subscription renewals from Sterling to Beams**

The proposal to drop the £ sterling annual subscription renewal was discussed and replace it with an annual beams renewal fee. The proposal was unanimously agreed, with an annual subscription renewal of 10 beams.

### **6. Skills needed to support LETS**

The chair summarised the main roles required, and asked attendees about their use of social media and other forms of communication. The responses suggested that there could be some benefit in the use of facebook and twitter by LETS.

### **7. Committee elections**

The committee stood down and the following were elected:

- Chair – Sue Wheat
- Treasurer – Paul Gasson
- Marketing (press, publicity, social media) – Doreen Ryan
- Trading link – Eleni Leoussi
- Simone Philcox

Jerry ? offered to distribute posters, Paul Gasson wishes to get involved in improving publicity. Donna ? offered the use of Walthamstow Wine's twitter account (1,000 followers) to publicise events. Pat Howie offered a ream of orange paper.

### **8. What do we want from LETS this year?**

Suggestions for events were:

- Xmas/new year event (potentially at Orford Rd social club)
- Foraging events – one in late spring, another in autumn
- Painting - twice per year
- Summer picnic Xmas  
Picnic in Lloyd Park
- Forest or Coppermill table event
- Apple Day

It was suggestion we use a google calendar to display events on the website.