

Minutes of the Little Bowden Neighbourhood Forum AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 6.30pm St Nicholas Church Extension. Chaired by Beverley Brown

Present: Beverley Brown, Jan Turner, Phil Baildon, Christine Herrick, David Lax, Sally Lax, Ron Counte, James Ward, Neil Hadkiss, Claire McLachlan, Kevin Millard, Janet Lee, Pete Urmston, Simon Hobbs

Apologies: Peter James, Peter Critchley, Kay Hillier, John Comont, Lou Dare, Keith Nixon, Alison Iliffe, Jonathan Davies, Matt Bills, Alan Wells, Michele Millard, Maggie Hadkiss, Maureen O'Malley, Ian Sadd, Amanda King.

A brief round the table introduction was given.

Welcome from the Chair, Bev Brown.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.
2. Election of officers – **Chair - Beverley Brown** – Proposed by Simon Hobbs, Seconded by Jan Turner.
3. **Secretary - Simon Hobbs** – Proposed by Beverley Brown, Seconded by Sally Lax.
4. **Treasurer - David Lax** – Proposed by James Ward, Seconded by Ron Counte.
5. **Vice Chair - Jan Turner** – Proposed by Beverley Brown, Seconded by Ron Counte.  
**Vice Chair - Pete Urmston** – Proposed by Simon Hobbs, Seconded by Clair McLachlan.
6. **Vice Secretary - Jonathan Davies** - Proposed by Pete Urmston, Seconded by Sally Lax.
- 6a. **Membership Secretary/Social Media - Kevin Millard** - Proposed by Beverley Brown, Seconded by Phil Baildon.

It was agreed to minute that if anyone wished to stand who couldn't attend the AGM, then they would be welcome to step forward.

7. Constitution - SH had received a few suggestions and amended the copy that had been circulated. Changes related to adding reference to the Forum being set up by Harborough Town Hub, support from Harborough District Council, adding that the Forum is to be an Incorporated body and that the minutes, agendas and other documents will be shared by email.

A website was discussed which Harborough Town Hub (HTH) could host. A front page showing a map with the five Forum areas would allow users to click through to the relevant information for each individual Forum. BB suggested that all Little Bowden NF communications should link through the HTH website when available.

Little Bowden Neighbourhood Forum Constitution Rev 1 dated 6<sup>th</sup> December was voted for unanimously.

It was also agreed to add at a later date, as the Constitution is a working document, a paragraph about online or virtual meetings.

#### 8. Working Groups

**Transport** – Leader is Jan Turner, with assistance from Kev Millard and Phil Baildon.

To investigate Kettering Road Cycle lane and integration with Aldi/Glenmere Timber

**Built Environment** – Leader is Pete Urmston, with assistance from Ron Counte and Christine Herrick.

To investigate the Community Centre at Bowden Oaks/Overstone Park development.

**Flooding and Greenspace** – Leader role vacant but assistance from Claire McLachlan and Sally Lax.

**Social and Community Activity** – Leader role vacant but assistance from Janet Lee.

All Working groups will be invited to update the LBNF to discuss progress at each meeting (starting in Jan 2023). Those who couldn't attend the December meeting are welcome to join (or lead) whichever working group they would like to contribute to.

If further, more specific groups are required, these can be formed.

9. Proposed Cycle Lane on Kettering Road – James Ward highlighted the change to the plan by the developers for the path to be on the north side from the side in poorer condition. This will be investigated by the Transport Group. SH to find out about public consultation and ask Sustrans. SH to circulate JWs drawings.

10. AOB

PB raised the news that house building targets are being revised and whether this would impact on S106 funding available.

SH invited new members to fill in the Little Bowden Neighbourhood Forum application form and GDPR form.

SH also distributed Peter James' petition for Northampton Road Jubilee Gardens.

Date of next meeting – proposed Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 7pm.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.