

## **BSRA committee meeting Monday 8 February 2016**

Present: Toby, Paula, Mary-Therese, Nigel, Patrick, Hazel, Mark

1 Cycleway. As request at the AGM I have objected on behalf of BSRA. I have also finally identified the person responsible in Islington as per the response below from TfL.

The response from TfL (Jessica Ellery | Borough Cycling Programme Manager [customerservicesroads@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:customerservicesroads@tfl.gov.uk) ) took 6 weeks and several emails but was:

*TfL is providing funding to LB Islington to develop plans for a proposed Quietway route between Farringdon and Bowes Park – Thornhill Road is being explored by the borough as a potential alignment along this route. With regard to this Quietway proposal, TfL does not have any involvement with Liveable Islington. Will Umney at Islington is a contact*

I've also been approached by a member of the Canonbury residents group and as per the item below re park gates it might make sense to make contact with other residents groups to the extent that we might have a common interest

2 Dodgy men in cars. We will include the contact details of the Council and Police for residents to report future incidents in our next newsletter and on the website. The antisocial number to call is 020 7527 7272 or email [Bhupesh.Thapa@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Bhupesh.Thapa@islington.gov.uk)

3 Dogs – continued complaints from residents including one who said the square was 'overrun by dogs' and that they had complained several times to the Council and police about night-time activity (dogs running loos in the dark with owners sitting in cars etc)

4 Communications with residents. We decided to change the name of the 'Environment' sub-committee to 'Communications' (or perhaps we decided it was to be 'Environment and Communications', I'm not sure which). Toby & Mary-Therese will try to get a newsletter circulated, including 'have your say' and 'are you a member' topics. Nigel has sent the login details for the [secretary@bsquare.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bsquare.org.uk) email and the website to Toby and Mary-Therese (I've made a few updates to the website, but it needs a little more work)

5 Infrastructure – fibre (or to be precise FTTC Fibre to the cabinet) is coming to Mica House and the North side of the Square, but apparently not to the South side. Paula has registered interest and is monitoring when it will be introduced. We could probably publicise this too

6 Meetings. We agreed to aim for four committee meetings per annum – typically March, June, September and December. We designated this as our March meeting, and the next ones will be 6 June (open to residents), 12 September (AGM+drinks), 5 December (meeting+Christmas Party)

7 Re-seeding – Patrick to write to ask for fencing to remain for as long as possible to see if this can be tuned into a permanent 'dog free' area (although of course the opposite end is sunnier so in an ideal world the East end would be the people/sunbathing area)

8 Park gates – consider linking up with other groups to develop a coordinated approach to locking issue (maybe rotate which ones are locked to keep cost down but deter habitual users?). Please let me know if you have details of any contacts in these or other groups

NB: Islington Friends Of Parks Forum meeting at Town Hall in Committee Room 3 on 28th April. Tea/Coffee from 6:30pm for a 6:45pm start

- a. Cloudesley
- b. Hemingford
- c. Amwell
- d. Thornhill – Rosie Millard
- e. Belitha
- f. Ripplevale
- g. Malvern Terrace
- h. Canonbury
- i. Others?

9 Nature trail – report required by 3 march on how we have spent the grant. Have had no response from Thornhill Road School, probably because there is no Head Teacher. Proposal to get rubbing posts (raised pictures/text similar to brass rubbing) at £40 each to create a trail

10 Planning – 17 Barnsbury Square supposed to reach practical completion 15 February (which looks pretty unlikely from what can be seen from outside). Need to remind Council that there is money set aside for repairing the pavement at the corner of the square nearest the development once the work really is finished. Plans for the garage site are being progressed but not yet formally submitted. Nothing else of importance affecting the area