

## Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum: Annual General Meeting Minutes – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 FINAL

<b>Date and time of meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018, 6:40pm – 8pm
<b>Location:</b>	Green Man Harlesden
<b>Attending:</b>	<b>Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee:</b> Leao Neto – HNF Chair; Atara Fridler – Co-vice Chair (AF); Paul Anders – Treasurer (PA); Megan Lewis – Secretary & Coordinator (ML); Colin George (CG); Nick Jones (NJ); Susan Grace (SG) <b>Independent Chair:</b> Davin Craine (DC) <b>Other attendees:</b> 10
<b>Absent:</b>	Ricky Gardener (Committee)

Item	Minutes	Actions
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN welcomes all attendees</li> <li>• LN gives update on actions from last general meeting, attendees agree and adopt the meeting minutes</li> <li>• LN requests all attendees to complete the Forum’s Annual Evaluation survey</li> <li>• LN gives an overview of the Forum’s annual report</li> <li>• PA (treasurer) gives an overview of the Forum’s expenditure of the past year</li> <li>• LN confirms the room has Quorum (min 15 Forum members) and elections can go ahead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to promote the annual survey online                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Actioned</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Elections*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Chair David Craine introduces the committee candidates</li> <li>• Candidates each speak for 2 minutes. SG speaks in support of Ricky Gardner (absent) – See committee candidate profiles below</li> <li>• The room votes for each candidate – Each received 100% or vast majority of votes from the members. New Committee members voted in: Leao Neto, Paul Anders, Atara Fridler, Megan Lewis, Colin George, Nick Jones, Ricky Gardener <i>Committee candidate profiles available below</i></li> <li>• Attendee clarifies there should be a min. 7 committee members. AF explains that there is still the opportunity for further committee members to come forward and run for the further 2 spaces.</li> <li>• 2017-18 committee announced</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN asks attendees to come forward to suggest ways to attract more people to the meetings as numbers have dropped this year.</li> <li>• One attendee suggests sharing the publicity and putting posters up. Another points out that many people do not use social media and so effort must be made to publicise offline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to look at publicity and engagement strategy and improve publicity for future events                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Actioned</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Committee Candidate Profiles 2018-19**

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#### **Paul Anders**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

I have lived in Harlesden for around 12 years, and am keen to serve a final year on the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum committee. I have been involved with HNF since the forum was first formally established, and I would welcome the opportunity to support the work of creating an effective and powerful Neighbourhood Plan through to completion.

During the time I've lived in Harlesden, including the time spent working with HNF, I've seen a great deal of the challenges faced by the area, as well as the opportunities that do and should lie ahead for it and those who live here. I believe I can make a contribution to seeing the Neighbourhood Plan to completion, and through working with fellow committee members, the Forum and the community, help HNF to transition to a different stage. A stage where it can take a broader and more holistic view of the challenges and opportunities we all face, rather than the deep but sometimes narrow channels of planning policy itself.

For my day job, I manage a large randomised controlled trial for Public Health England. This involves working with local authorities, companies and healthcare providers around England. My professional background is centred around services for socially excluded people, particularly those affected by homelessness, mental ill health, or substance misuse. My experience includes working in and managing services in Sheffield and London and, for the last seven years, working to improve national policy both in the voluntary sector and in different roles within central government.

#### **Atara Fridler**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

Atara Fridler - now Crisis Skylight Brent Director, Atara was up to April 2016, Lift People's Chief Executive, a Brent based organisation, working with over 350 local people a year supporting them to access housing, jobs and become active members of their communities.

Atara moved to the UK from Israel in 2002 to join her partner, and shortly after began her career through volunteering in a local day Centre for homeless people. In her first paid role she coordinated a user-volunteers project, moving to be Lift (then Brent Homeless User Group "B.HUG") development officer and first full time employee in 2004. Since then she developed the organisation from small self-help user group to a constituted organisation, substantially increasing its impact, staffing and income. Under her leadership Lift has developed numerous innovative user led projects including mystery shopping of front line services by homeless people, user involvement in neighbourhood planning and a user led recovery service which won the Andy Ludlow Award in 2015.

In April 2015-2016, she supported Lift's board to engage in merger discussion, which led to the organisation merging with Crisis in April 2016. Following the merger, Atara continued to lead Lift's previous local services and staff team in Brent as Crisis Skylight Director, managing the change and overseeing the further growth in local provision.

Atara is also the Chair of B-3 – a drug and alcohol service user group for people with drug and alcohol issues operating in Brent.

Atara's skills are around community development and engagement, fundraising strategic planning and the charitable and voluntary sector.

**Ricky Gardner (no profile)**

**Colin George**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

I have been a member of the HNF committee in 2015/16 and 2017/18.

In the past year I have set up a monitoring and response system for planning applications in the HNF area. I have attended (almost) all HNF committee meetings and workshops.

I have lived in Harlesden since 2010 (previously on Kensal Rise), but I have been involved in various Harlesden regeneration, planning and business support projects since Harlesden City Challenge in 1994.

My particular topics of interest are in the local environment, planning and, as a local business, the economy.

I have been Chair of Harlesden Town Team. having previously worked on the HTT Public Realm group, working with Brent Council to deliver the town centre regeneration project.

On behalf of HNF I attend meetings and workshops of the Grand Union Alliance, Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation (in particular their new Great Places funding stream) and other groups concerned with the redevelopment of Old Oak and Park Royal.

I am Secretary of Elmwood Residents' Association and VC of the Kensal Green Streets project, where I administer their website and organise the annual Furness Pocket Park party.

I live in Harlesden where I work as a marketing consultant for both local and national businesses. And, when I have the time, I work on a networking project bringing together many of the residents' and community groups across Willesden, Kilburn, West Hampstead and beyond.

**Nick Jones**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

I now have 2 and a half years involved with the Open Space and Environment working group part of the committee and 1 year and 9 months on the forum committee. I've been a local resident for 3 years and have a very keen interest in how environment and open space can improve quality of life in Harlesden and in my time on the committee consider the improvement of our streets with a significant number of new trees to be the most impactful action in which I've had a hand – and would look to continue this work over the coming year if re-elected to the committee. In my working life I am a business development director, with knowledge of financial business practice, networking, communication, brand and marketing.

**Megan Lewis**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

I have lived in North London for over 7 years, with 3 of those living in Kilburn and 5 working and volunteering in the community sector.

I work for local homeless charity Crisis Brent, helping to boost collaborative work and integration between all facets of the community, while running a volunteer and training program for vulnerable and homeless people.

I have been volunteer secretary of Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum for the past year. I use my organisational and facilitation skills to coordinate work to push the Neighbourhood Plan forward in line with the neighbourhood's interests. I've also focussed on improving community engagement and helping the committee work to deliver other projects and become more independent.

I get the knowledge and insights needed for this work by having daily contact with a wide variety of local people and stakeholders. I have written the draft Statement of Consultation to accompany the Plan and regularly represent the Neighbourhood Forum in wider contexts.

Prior to working in Harlesden, I gained extensive experience in the area of community engagement and social and urban development issues through working in homeless hostel, on Year Here (an intensive social action and leadership program), and with a community consultancy agency on urban projects such as South Kilburn and with Coin Street Community Builders.

I am enthused by community action and incensed by thoughtless development. I'm very reliable, approachable, understand the basics of urban planning, and genuinely determined to see Harlesden flourish from the inside out!

**Rev. Leao Neto**

**Please list any knowledge or experience that demonstrates you meet the requirements set out in the committee member role profile:**

I seek re-election as the Chairperson for the Forum.

I have been the Chairperson for the Forum from its inception. I am proud that we together have achieved so much, in particular getting the Planning Document through several stages and now getting into the last push toward the Referendum. This is a significant achievement for the Forum and for the Community it seeks to represent.

I am proud also that we have managed to lobby the Council and other organisations to consider Harlesden's needs in their plans. Brent regeneration project started in Harlesden before being rolled out in the Borough. We have met with and made representations to the OPDC too. The future connection between the OPDC new development and Harlesden area is at stake and the issue has not yet being resolved.

My style of leadership is to work with others in the community seeking always to do things in collaboration. All that we have done would not be achieved without the shared leadership offered by the Committee and the support from Crisis. If re-elected priority number one will be: continuing the collaboration and working together. We are almost there with the Plan being submitted to the Referendum soon.