



## Minutes of Networking Meeting – Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

### Attendees:

R Bridge – Chair – Chaplin Close Tenants' Association  
E Elkington – WaCoCo administrator  
H Firminger – Bankside Open Spaces Trust  
T Inman – South Bank Employers' Group  
R Leach – Oasis UK

### 1. Apologies

D Clarson – Waterloo Community Development Group  
G Goddard – St John's Church, Waterloo  
K Hamilton – Waterloo Action Centre  
D Tootill – Southbank Mosaics  
Cllr P Truesdale – Bishop's Ward Councillor for LB Lambeth  
R Wright – Association of Waterloo Groups

**2. Conflicts of interest:** No conflicts of interest were reported.

**3. Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of meeting held on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were accepted.

### 4. Matters arising

- **EDF London Eye Community Chest Grants**

The Chair reported that we would shortly be launching now-confirmed grant scheme.

### 5. Financial Report

The financial summary for September was tabled. It was noted that the approved Lambeth Forum Network funding of £7,580, which would cover WaCoCo's core costs as well as its payment towards the South Bank Forums for twelve months, had recently been received, although this was not recorded on the financial summary. It was noted that there was a healthy balance in the WaCoCo bank account and that the necessary permissions had come through from the bank to ensure that the new book-keeper could work effectively. A new heading was agreed to specifically record administrator invoices against LFN income.

### 6. Discussion re: revitalising Waterloo Open Spaces Partnership (WOSP)

Helen Firminger tabled a paper which she had drafted in collaboration with Michael Ball of Waterloo Community Development Group and which she had already circulated to both the Chair and Ted Inman, entitled "Facilitation Requirements for WOSP". She started by saying that it had been drafted before the Southbank & Waterloo Neighbourhood Forum had been established, and that it would, in the light of this, require some revision. It set out a powerful case for reviving WOSP: there were a number of significant building developments taking place and in planning, many of which were high-rise enough to have a major impact on the light available to existing open spaces. Also, because of this, there were significant S106 and CIL funds available. Ted Inman concurred heartily and revealed that SB&W neighbourhood forum were planning to address the issues of public open space protection and improvement as a priority. It was agreed that WOSP and the neighbourhood forum would work collaboratively and co-operatively on this and establish a 'coalition of the willing'.

The Chair added that he would be attending a meeting with LFN in the near future and offered to take the opportunity for him to present the case for funding from a revived WOSP. It was agreed to complete the WOSP revival proposal in time for this.

**7. AOB**

There was no other business.

**8. Date of next meeting:** Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013. 8.30 am start at St Andrew's Church, Short Street, SE1.