



**S2S AGM Meeting
(recorded via zoom)**

AGM Minutes
17th September 2020

Stephanie Correia introduced the meeting and Cllr Jack Hopkins, Leader of Lambeth Council gave an introductory talk.

Cllr Hopkins outlined the value of BID's during the Covid 19 Pandemic in particular the success of administering the Covid Government Grants because of the role that BID's played in helping businesses access these and the importance of their role in the recovery from the pandemic. He welcomed the new Station to Station management team and expressed positive hopes for the 2nd term of S2S BID. He praised the relationship now built between the S2S team in working so closely with the council. He made special thanks particularly to all the businesses who spare their valuable time as well as Nathan Vasey (council officer), Fred Cowell (Cllr) and Jackie Meldrum (Cllr). He also talked about the exciting collaboration with We Rise and the local young people that we are now working with to deliver our business survey and communications on services to businesses.

Apologies were received from: Michael Johnson of the Book and Record Bar, Kelly McClymont of the Shout House, Cllr Peter Ely of Thurlow Park Ward.

Minutes of the previous AGM 2019 were agreed as accurate and accepted by those present.

Chair's Report:

John Price, Chair of the Station to Station Board, gave his report on the work undertaken in the last 18 months by S2S BID. This included:

1. Support of businesses throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic - accessing government grants, safety advice and guidelines in regular communications, free visors delivered to businesses, development of online directory highlighting businesses who offered adapted services during this time.
2. An update on the Thames Water works - financial impact upon the area as a result of the works and huge relief at the end of the upheaval.
3. Marketing work - including the development and launch of the new online business directory, mailing campaigns for all seasons,
4. the launch of the new KIBA identity 'Norwood Works', exciting upcoming installation of murals on West Norwood Rail Bridge and the Industrial area.

5. Update on combating the blight of abandoned vehicles in the area and keeping the streets clean and pleasant.
6. Parkhall Business Centre - surgeries being launched to promote the work of the vast offering of creative and artisanal businesses based there. (A copy of the presentation and the Chairs Report are available on request).

Accounts of the BID - these were presented by Damion Viney (Crunchers Accountants) and Station to Station Treasurer. They were agreed to and found to be an accurate record of the business accounts by those present at the AGM. (A copy of the S2S end of year accounts is available on request).

Resolutions - the resolutions were presented to the Board and all agreed to adopt the accounts, appoint Crunchers Accountants as the Auditors of the Company. All appointments to the Board were agreed.

We welcomed two new members to the Board:

Helena Rivera of a small studio (Norwood High Street)

and

Emmon Sweeney of Blackbird Bakery (Norwood Works and Norwood Road).

Please note an error on the nomination form as they were listed as Directors but are joining as Board Members only. (A copy of the resolutions is available on request).

Official business of the AGM ended at: 17.33

Summary of 2020-21 and the Future Plans of Station to Station was presented by Bronwen Rice and Charlotte Ashworth

Renewal Ballot Timeline - Bronwen presented this document. It is a working document that we will be using to guide us through the Renewal process for Station to Station to continue for another 5 year term. S2S will be working closely with Lambeth Council to ensure that all the relevant deadlines and documents are delivered in a timely fashion. (Renewal Ballot Timeline is available on request).

Business Plan for 2nd Term of S2S BID - Charlotte presented the vision for the proposed second term of the BID. This included:

1. Proposals for an innovative plan to create an Affordable Workspace destination for the whole of Lambeth in the Norwood High Street area;
2. A recruitment service in collaboration with the other 3 South Lambeth BIDs, to be imminently launched;
3. The continuation and proactive sign up of BID members to the money saving service for utilities and recycling/waste disposal services;
4. Post pandemic recovery plans; Development and continuation of close working relationships between BID members to ensure the local economy grows and remains sustainable;

5. Increased online and social media presence through diligent marketing strategies that also include promotion to the local community and residents;
6. Managing the area with continued support to BID members for keeping the area clean, pleasant and safe;
7. Continuing close working relationships with the local authority and law enforcement teams;
8. Developing and maintaining close links with influential community groups and events in the BID area;
9. Advocating on behalf of BID members to ensure fair representation for business rates, landlord and rental agreements, COVID 19 support from central Government and Lambeth Council and any proposed disruption caused by streetscape developments. (Business Plan is available on request).

We Rise Presentation of the recent Business Survey - Hamdii and Sumaya local young people who were part of the team that surveyed local businesses recently presented the results of this survey. (The presentation is available on request).