



# The Hammersmith Society

Working to preserve and enhance our architecture and urban environment since 1962

## Minutes of the Awards Evening and 59th Annual General Meeting at Latymer Upper School, King Street, W6 9LR on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

Present Cllr Emma Apthorp, Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham and Patron of the Society, some 80 members, friends, guests and representatives of local groups and Award winners.

### 1. Introduction

Hans Haenlein, the Society President welcomed members and guests to celebrate 60 years of the Hammersmith Society. He thanked the chairman Richard Winterton for all he had done during his term of office and in particular keeping 'the show on the road' during the Covid pandemic. Going forward he believed that of utmost importance was how to adapt to the climate crisis.

**Hammersmith Society Awards** were introduced by Derrick Wright. There were fewer nominations than in previous years, possibly due to Covid. Among the nominated schemes which were all reported on.

Awards were presented by the Mayor as follows:

**Environment Award** to The Pavilion on Shepherds Bush Green

The **Nancye Goulden Award** to the Elder Press Café, Black Lion Lane

The **Jane Mercer Award** for community involvement to The Green Project, Shepherds Bush an initiative setup by local residents to make the neighbourhood around Sawley Road W12 greener, and at the same time to bring the community together.

The **Tom Ryland Award for Conservation** was not awarded as no suitable nominations were received.

**Wooden Spoons** were awarded to those schemes which had got it wrong, namely:

To the Council for not looking after newly planted street trees which just die and for lack of consultation and inclusivity before implementing the King Street cycle way.

The Mayor concluded by saying what an important part the Society played in bringing issues to the attention of the Council

**2. Visiting speaker:** Nicholas Boys Smith, Founding director of social enterprise Createstreets and Chair of the advisory board of the government's Office for Place, who stressed the importance of making places good for both people and the planet as the environment affects well being. Important issues are gentle density, location of greenery, colour, symmetry, mixed use, neighbourhoods.,

**3. 2021-22 Chairman's report**

Richard Winterton highlighted some of the achievements of the Society over its 60 years including Kings Mall, saving the Lyric Theatre, Bradmore House rescued, West Cross Route and two-way traffic in Glenthorne Road stopped, the Capability Brown statue and very involved in the big battle regarding redeveloping the Town Hall site.

To continue with its work more people are needed to strengthen the committee

**4. Minutes of the 58th AGM** held at Riverside Studios had been circulated to members and were agreed.

**5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts.**

The Treasurer Matt Hedges tabled accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 which showed a surplus for the period of £1,018.93.

The accounts were agreed.

**6. Election of Officers and Committee**

The following were elected unopposed

Hans Haenlein ..... President

Richard Farthing.....Chair

Richard Winterton ..... Vice-Chair

Annabel Clarke..... Secretary

Matt Hedges ..... Treasurer

Richard Farthing..... Membership

Committee members: Angela Clarke, Robert Iggulden, Annabelle May, Chris Tranchell, Derrick Wright, Michael Rivers

The Chairman reported that Melanie Whitlock and Julian Hillman were standing down from the committee and thanked them for all the time and support they have given to the Society over many years.

**7. AOB**

Thanks were recorded to Latymer Upper School for providing the venue for the meeting and all their help in doing so.