

## CAG quarterly zoom meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Attendees

Beant

Shafick

Cllr Malik

Gurpreet

Ian

Julia

Umme

### Apologies

Kam Sandhu, Cllr Davina Raam, Gian Singh

### Agenda

Thanks from her Majesty- recognition of the environmental work undertaken by CAG for the improvement of the local environment. Cllr Malik moves for the motion to give thanks to her Majesty. Seconded by Beant. Beant requested for the reply to be posted and made visible on the CAG website.

### CAG newsletter

Thanks to the volunteers that have distributed around Cranford to raise awareness of the fly tipping and litter issues. Gurpreet suggested future newsletters should be A5 size for ease of posting them through letter boxes. Beant suggested future newsletters should be bolder print for ease of reading them. Shafick has received a lot of positive feedback from the newsletter and 10 new members have joined the group. Cllr Malik recognises that the message of the newsletter is continuous work and we must carry on engaging residents for our cause. Cllr Malik recognises there may be a slower uptake to join the group due to Covid.

### Grit bins

For flats above shops to reduce visibility of purple bags that are a magnet for fly tipping. Grit bins will be strategically positioned around Bath Road and Berkeley Parade in the next few weeks.

### Waye Avenue Park working group

In progress and awaiting outcome of National lottery bid for recovery of the green corridor.

Cllr Malik informs the education corridor is overgrown and causing pedestrian obstruction-the problem is the corridor is un-adopted land and not under the remit of GreenSpace 360.

LBH to distribute leaflets to residents of Berkeley Ave and Waye Ave who live behind the river corridor to warn them not to fly tip around the river and its environment.

### Crane bank consultation

Two public consultations have taken place and neither have shown any commitment on the conservation of Crane bank nature reserve by the developers. Cllr Malik will have a meeting this Friday with senior planner from LBH to put protection policies in place.

### KBT and car wash

Car wash is a historical problem that never received planning permission, but due to the longevity of its operation, the premises cannot be closed. Discussion with Heathrow, KBT and car wash owner to find a solution to improve the exterior of the car wash by planting a green living wall along the front. Cllr Malik encourages community to campaign to close the car wash but recognise this will take a long time and in the interim, to find some diplomacy with the owner to make its structure more aesthetically pleasing.

### Petition for street trees

Organising a petition for more street trees along Meadowbank Gardens, Berkeley and Waye Ave due to increased desertification and for LBH to honour its pledge to include Cranford in planting 4500 saplings. Gurpreet suggests improving the Parkway by planting bulbs and wildflower. Ian and Cllr Malik discussed the idea of guerrilla planting to improve green spaces including the High Street and Bath Road.

Shafick updated on existing ideas by Heathrow to beautify the Bath Road will flower planters but these plans were quashed by TFL as a potential distraction to drivers.

### Bank account update

Delayed with opening a bank account due to Covid. Gurpreet and Umme working towards thriving communities fund to include planting bulbs and wild flower by CAG.

Reporting fly tipping and CCTV-please continue to report fly tipping and littering to FMS. Park Lane camera will be reinstated for 3 months. Cllr has commitment from Lead Steve Curran for a permanent CCTV on Park Lane.

### AOB

Cllr Malik is working with the cabinet member for leisure at Avenue Park. LBH are dedicating £50,000 for changing rooms, replacement of damaged swings, two benches that have been vandalised and has requested a permanent gate from Park lane entrance to Avenue park. Please keep in mind the TCV National lottery bid would like to utilise some of this space for a small shed to hold tools and equipment for the green recovery of the Crane corridor.

*Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8 pm.*