

**TRESA Committee meeting
20 November 2007**

Present: Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Ed Brammall, Steve Sayers, Margaret Davis, Richard Jones, Kate Pollard, Alison Cabanas

Apologies: Tim & Helen Sterling, Patrick Hulme, Jonathan Wright

1. Minutes of last meeting were agreed.

2. Membership report

We have about 135 members. Renewals will begin at the AGM. The membership fee will remain at £2 with an invitation to make a further donation at the time of joining.

3. Treasurer's report

£76 remains for the Totterdown Square project. Balance £9655. £210 in the newsletter fund. Awards for all £9201. £153 unrestricted income remains, some of which is likely to be spent on the AGM.

4. Web editor's report

The number of unique visitors remains good at around 300 per month. It continues to be a challenge to keep it up to date and to encourage contributors to it.

5. Talk of Totterdown

Jonathan is unwell, which is making the job more difficult for Richard. It is still on course to go to print at the beginning of Dec & should be available for the week prior to the AGM. The deadline for copy is today, but a space will be held to report the result of the School Road Park vote. Other features will include an invitation to contribute recipes to the next Totterdown cookery book, and a briefing of the AGM. Rather than a Christmas round up there will be a review of TRESA's activities over the last year. There will also be a supplement for the publishing project.

Richard will call Edward Shaw to chase Bart spices for their sponsorship payment. The Thunderbolt will sponsor the next issue for £200 (paid in 4 instalments of £50 per month). Delivery of the next issue will be on a tight schedule – sandwiched between announcement of the School Road Park funding and the AGM.

7. UWE volunteer day

We had a successful day weeding, planting bulbs and litter picking. Big thank you to the UWE students and TRESA members who helped.

8. Publishing project

Kate will document the reasons for issuing a single tender for the cookery book contract. The history books haven't sold as well as expected at the Art Trail, but there may be a few more to come in from shops. The workshops at the Art Trail were successful and have generated some material for the newsletter. Suzanne will proof read the recipe book.

Kate has paid out some expenses. She will submit the receipts to Margaret for refunding from the grant fund. Mia has been reminded to submit her fee.

9. School Road Park

Posters and flyers are all printed (funded by Ocean). The flyers are out in Hillcrest book bags and through TRESA's distribution network. There is a banner now ready for putting up (funded by the developers of the former Texaco site) – it directs people to the TRESA website.

The campaign is likely to be won or lost on the 'doorstep' – that is the people we can directly contact to vote. The committee said a big thank you to Alice for all the work she has put into making this project happen.

10. AGM

The AGM is on 12 Dec at Gregg's Café at 7.30pm. Ed has sent out information to members. Nominations for the committee need to be received two weeks in advance of the meeting.

11. TRESA letterbox

Keys to Patco letterbox currently with Kate will be handed over to Steve.

12. AOB

A TRESA book club will start in the new year – a book is chosen and read by members of the group, followed by a social meeting to talk about the book. To be launched with the next Talk of Totterdown.