



## **CHATS WORTH ROAD TRADERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRTRA)**

### **AGM – 6 APRIL 2011 ST JUDE’S CHURCH, BLURTON ROAD**

Current committee members in attendance:

*Diane Cunningham (secretary), Remy Zentar (treasurer), Anthony Matthews (interim vice chair), Euan Mills (neighbourhood plan), Catherine Ford (former secretary)*

## **SUMMARY OF THE YEAR**

Projects CRTRA has been working on include:

- Street market
- Panic buttons for shopkeepers
- Neighbourhood plan
- Chatsworth Road guide

### **Market update:**

- Residents asked for a market where they could do their weekly shop (in the 2009 survey and market questionnaires of 2010). We haven’t delivered this yet, but we are committed to delivering a market for the whole community
- CRTRA has been working with Hackney Council to agree a commodities list – this has just been agreed which will mean CRTRA will be able to influence the stall mix at the market (a copy will be posted on the website).
- The relationship with Hackney Council has improved considerably over the course of the last year
- The market will probably run fortnightly for at least the next six months. We are still aiming for a weekly market, depending on what residents and traders would like to see, but we must reach agreement with Hackney Council on the costs to be passed on to stallholders.
- The Council will undertake a three month consultation at some point after costs have been agreed.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Future projects could include:

- Free cash machine on the road
- Loyalty card for shoppers
- Bringing the toilets back into public use

CRTRA are keen to find a way for all members to be able to suggest projects going forward.

## FINANCES

An update was provided by the treasurer, Remy Zentar.

### Accounts for year 2010/2011

#### IN

Stalls	£	2,560.00	
Guide sales	£	74.00	
Donations	£	907.00	
<b>TOTAL IN</b>			<b><u>£ 3,541.00</u></b>

#### OUT

Stalls	£	1,900.00	
Van	£	370.00	
Printing	£	120.00	
Sundry	£	77.85	
LBH fees	£	548.79	
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>			<b><u>£ 3,016.64</u></b>

<b>SURPLUS</b>			<b><u>£ 524.36</u></b>
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## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

- Proposed by Euan Mills and seconded by Anthony Matthews
- The proposal was sent out to the mailing list in advance of the meeting
- The aim of the proposal was to formalise the relationship between the association and its members, and to raise funds for the association's activities.



- Membership of the association is not necessary to benefit from the association's activities, but in order to have a vote at meetings and directly influence the direction of the association you must be a member.
- An annual fee of £1 for individuals confirms membership
- There are different charges for shopkeepers and market traders
- A point was made that payments make membership exclusive, as some people can't afford to pay. CRTRA said the payment was a symbolic gesture, but we would agree to look at the issue of exclusivity in relation to charging for membership
- There was a motion to pass subscription charges for membership with 14 people for and 3 against

## **ELECTIONS**

The **Executive Committee** was voted in first. The following posts were voted on and confirmed at the meeting.

CHAIR: Diane Cunningham (resident)

VICE CHAIR: Anthony Matthews (resident)

TREASURER: Remy Zentar (L'Epicerie56)

SECRETARY: Sara Rance (Chatsworth Kitchen)

The **non-executive committee** were voted in, with four residents competing for three positions. A secret ballot was held and the following posts confirmed:

RESIDENT 1: Euan Mills

RESIDENT 2: Laia Gasch

RESIDENT 3: Damian Patchell

TRADER 1: Alex Glendinning (market trader)

TRADER 2: Maria Chalidze (Hop Toyshop)

TRADER 3: tbc\*

(\*The third trader position remains vacant



In addition to the formal committee, a number of local residents and traders have offered help on an informal basis. The committee agreed to involve them as much as possible once projects get underway.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9pm.

*(\* Following the AGM, Omar (Carnival Cards) and Junior (Diva Style) both sat in on the first committee meeting to see if they would be able to commit to being a fulltime member of the committee. The website will be updated once this post is confirmed.*