



Fox Lane and District Residents' Association

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FLDRA AGM and OPEN GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 24th March – 19:45-21.30

The meeting will be held online on Zoom. **The deadline for registering to take part is 10th March.** Please send an email with the title "AGM attendance" to info@foxlane.net so we can send you the link. You need to have paid your annual fee to take part. Please note: Only one vote per subscription at this online meeting.

Agenda:

- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report – accounts
- Election of officers and committee members for 2021
- New Constitution Proposal
- Deciding priorities for 2021 (In 2020 they were: Lower Traffic Neighbourhood, Schools, Town Centre, Public Transport and the Environment)

ELECTION OF FLDRA COMMITTEE 2021-2022

The 12 committee members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Some of the current committee members are standing again but more volunteers to join the committee are warmly welcomed and needed.

1. Chair (Officer)	7. Committee Member
2. Vice Chair (Officer)	8. Committee Member
3. Secretary (Officer)	9. Committee Member
4. Treasurer (Officer)	10. Committee Member
5. Committee Member	11. Committee Member
6. Committee Member	12. Committee Member

Any paid-up member who has registered by email to attend the AGM may put themselves forward for election in advance or at the meeting and will be asked to speak briefly about their reasons for standing and which role they are standing for. They will need a proposer and a seconder. Optionally, they can send a 100-word statement 1 week in advance to info@foxlane.net by which can be put on the screen at the meeting for participants to see.

REMINDER You can pay your £5 annual subscription to FLDRA via standing order to sort code 40-05-21, account 21386174 (reference name and address), or by cheque to 39 Conway Rd N14 7BB

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

During this year our Association directed its efforts to supporting our community in times of crisis. Some of our families lost loved ones, and others lost their jobs, or their homes, during the pandemic. The vaccines offer great hope, but let's make no mistake, the impact on our community continues to be immense.

Response to lockdowns : It is hugely gratifying and a credit to our community that there has been an outpouring of mutual support and solidarity. Whatsapp groups have sprung up everywhere and we have made new friends. FLDRAs constantly publicised support services, including essential food banks. In April, we launched a campaign to support local businesses, mainly our wonderful restaurants and other food outlets which started to offer take-away services. Several local councillors congratulated us on the campaign, which we hope has helped some of these businesses to avoid bankruptcy and permanent closure. In October we launched an "Essential Toiletries Appeal" to supply toiletries on a monthly basis to vulnerable individuals and families supported by the Ark Project in St John's Church. Thanks to FLDRAs members, we have supplied around 200 bags of toiletries for men, women and families. The pandemic also brought on a new wave of scams, and we informed about the most common ones, such as offers of paid vaccines.

Lower Traffic Neighbourhood Trial : The other topic that concerned our neighbourhood deeply is the LTN trial. We worked hard to keep an impartial position. This was not easy, and some criticised us for it, but we firmly believe that our job is not to take sides but to ensure that all voices are heard. We kept you up to date with information, we raised your questions with the Council, and we encouraged everyone to give feedback through the official consultation. More recently, we asked for an independent and transparent evaluation process. We called for reason and condemned hostile behaviours on both sides. We noted that some residents saw benefits, while others were disadvantaged; and that there are many people in favour, many against, and others undecided. We supported dialogue and a compromise that benefits the community as a whole.

Environment : We took a strong stance on environmental issues. We responded extensively to the Council's Climate Action and Blue & Green Strategies, and attempted to engage with the North London Waste Authority over their planned incinerator in Edmonton which looks increasingly like a white elephant of stranded assets and a very costly way to poison citizens, relax the pressure to recycle, and speed up climate catastrophe. Some Enfield councillors, MPs, local medics, and others called for a "pause and review" of this project, but the NLWA has dismissed concerns.

Other activities: Primary Schools, Black Lives Matter, Built Environment : - We continued to seek a solution to the shortage of primary school provision in our neighbourhood and hoped that the Southgate Green provision on the Broomfield site could be sustained, but this has now been closed due to a fatal combination of lack of capital funds, a smaller than predicted rise in pupil numbers and the familiar difficulty over sites. - In June we publicised a peaceful BLM protest which was held in Broomfield Park in which up to 400 people remembered the lives lost due to racism and inequality. -We continued monitoring planning applications and supported residents who were affected by proposals that breached regulations or were otherwise detrimental.

Membership & Committee : Membership numbers have been stable, with a welcome recent increase. During the year several committee members stood down. Sue Younger, Laraine Feldman and Richard Mapleston all made exceptional contributions to the Association and we are indebted to them for their work. We also thank Julia Mountain and Lia Dover who will stand down at the AGM.

DRAFT FLDR A CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The Association shall be named the Fox Lane & District Residents' Association (hereafter called the Association)

2. Purpose

Mission

- To support and bring together the Fox Lane District community
- To help protect and improve the area; including the environment, businesses and services to the area
- To work with groups and bodies to ensure we get the best outcomes for our residents and the area

Vision

- To be a trusted consultative body for any major decisions which impact the area
- To enjoy a forward-looking neighbourhood, with excellent services for a vibrant and diverse community

Values

- We respect all views and expect others to do so too
- We will act fairly and objectively, be progressive and proactive
- We will act on research and facts and encourage others to do so too
- We will work collaboratively and work to find common ground

3. Area & Membership subscriptions

Open to residents living within the area bordered by The Bourne, Bourne Hill, Green Lanes, Aldermans Hill, Cannons Hill and High Street. The boundary line, on peripheral roads, is down the middle of the road. However, the Association interest will include businesses, parks, and other community assets which may be outside the Boundary.

Membership is by annual subscription per household, payable on joining. Thereafter payable on January 1st. The subscription amount shall be decided by the committee. Residents must be a paid-up member to be eligible for committee membership.

4. Meetings, Quorums & Voting majority

Committee meetings will be held bi-monthly either remotely or in person. Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held within three months of the end of each financial year. Extraordinary General meetings (EGMs) can be triggered if 30 members raise the same issue in writing to the chair.

The quorum for a committee meeting voting decision shall be 5 committee members. A quorum for voting at a General meeting or AGM shall be 15 members, other than committee members, attending that meeting. For a voting decision, a majority is required, other than constitutional changes or dissolution of the Association, in which case a two thirds majority is required.

5. Management Committee

The committee consists of the following 12 positions:

1. Chair (Officer)	7. Committee Member
2. Vice Chair (Officer)	8. Committee Member
3. Secretary (Officer)	9. Committee Member
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6. Committee Election & Officer Roles

Committee members will be elected at the AGM or co-opted outside of the AGM when there is a vacancy. Each committee member will stand for a year and then either stand down or stand again at the AGM. There is an expectation that any member wishing to join the committee should be willing to take on a specific responsibility on behalf of the Association, having the necessary time and interest. This may include the formal officer roles.

Where an officer role is vacant the committee will cover those responsibilities until the position is formally filled at the earliest opportunity. Members can only be elected to an Officer role once they have been a Committee member for a minimum of 3 months

The Association wishes to see continuity in leadership but also expects and encourages active succession planning. For example, where somebody has held a role for 3 successive years, they are encouraged to step down from that role and give experience and opportunity to others in order to refresh and invigorate the Association.

To be considered for a committee role (whether this be via AGM or co-opted) candidates should provide a short (max 100 words) 'expression of interest' providing some background information about themselves. This should consist of any relevant experience or skills which they believe can help the Association and also how they can help to achieve the Purpose of the Association (see section 2).

To be co-opted there should be a committee majority in favour of the candidate. The Association will endeavour to ensure committee members are diverse and representative of the area.

7. Termination of Committee or Association membership

Where a committee member, Officer or Association member has:

- not adhered to our Values and/or
- there has been a serious breach in trust and confidence and/or
- there is sufficient reason to believe that they are not working to help the Association to achieve its Purpose

then a majority committee vote will be taken to terminate their appointment and this will be confirmed via email. The Committee/Association member can appeal a decision by writing to the Chair within two weeks of receiving formal notification. Clear grounds for the appeal must be stated and the committee will then make a final decision on the matter.

Resignations must be given via email to the Chair/Vice Chair with two weeks' notice so that a handover can be arranged.

8. Finance

The financial year begins on January 1st and ends December 31st. The Treasurer will be responsible for:

- Operation of a Current Account and a Savings Account in the name of the Association, both accounts to be with the same Bank or Building Society. Any transactions need to be authorised by two officers.
- Withdrawals from the Savings Account only to be made by transfer into the Current Account
- Presentation of the statement of financial affairs of the Association at each Committee Meeting and at the AGM.

9. Accounts

A person, other than a Committee member, shall be elected at the AGM to examine the Association's books and check the accounts to be presented at the next AGM.

10. Affiliations & Conflict of Interest

Any affiliations, the Association holds to, or by other Societies or Organisations, must be approved by the committee and a list of affiliations maintained by the Secretary and made available on the Association's website.

Any committee member must declare any interest they may have in the topic under discussion and the committee will decide if they need to forfeit their right to vote on this occasion.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

Proposals to make changes to the constitution will be agreed by a committee majority and then approved at the AGM or EGM with a two thirds majority. Proposals for amendments to be submitted to the Chair one month prior to the AGM or EGM.

12. Dissolution & Winding up

The Association can only be dissolved by a resolution of an Extraordinary General Meeting, carried by a two thirds majority of those voting. Upon dissolution, the net assets will be distributed in accordance with two thirds majority decision on an appropriate resolution at the Extraordinary General Meeting.