

# Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum

## AGM 2019 meeting minutes

Date	2.00pm 27th April 2019
Venue	St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Road, E3 5JL

### Steering Committee:

Alex Holmes – Chair  
 Lee Sargent – Secretary  
 Mike Mitchell – Treasurer  
 Sarah Bland  
 Sarah Allan  
 Natalya Palit

### Other Local Attendees:

Arosh Ali, Sophie Beagles, Albert Bottell, Sue Johnstone, Margaret McGinley, Alex Kamp, Laura McFarlane-Shopes, Elizabeth Marshall, Guy Mitchell, Gareth Newman, Gail Stevens, Harry Streuw Cllr. Val Whitehead, Annette Wakerley, A. Waxham, John White, Tracey Yewman,

**University College London representatives:** Elena Besussi, Tse Wing Lam, Gargi Roy, David Maguire, Hui Yam.

### Minutes:

Item	Issue	Action
1.0	<p><b>Minutes of the AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018</b>            The minutes were corrected to show the Chair's name correctly as 'Alex Holmes'.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b> None</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Report on Forum activities during the past year</b></p> <p>Alex Holmes welcomed everyone to this, the second AGM of the Forum.</p> <p>Following the series of public engagement events early in 2018 the committee sought to consolidate the findings from these with evidence posted on the interactive Placecheck map on our website. A unified report was produced, followed by a set of 'heat maps, showing this evidence in visual form. We also undertook desktop research into the wider policy context of the neighbourhood plan, including the New London Plan 2019-41 and Tower Hamlets Draft Local Plan 2031.</p> <p>We applied for and were awarded a Neighbourhood Planning Programme grant, funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. This was used principally to drive the plan-making process forward by engaging Navigus Planning as consultants.</p> <p>In recent months we have written and refined, with our consultant's help,</p>	

	<p>an overall vision statement for the plan, and outline policy options based on our evidence and this vision.</p> <p>We have been very ably assisted by a team of 6 Msc. Spatial Planning students from UCL, most of whom are here today. In February-March they produced their own draft neighbourhood plan, focussing on the theme of transport and connectivity across Bow. They also produced the visually attractive poster giving graphic representation to their ideas, which is displayed. We are very grateful for their hard work and imagination.</p> <p>Sarah Bland, an architect member of the committee, has worked hard over the year to progress the formation of a Community Land Trust (CLT) to develop genuinely affordable housing in the area. The process of registering the CLT is now in progress, and discussions with a Housing Association and Tower Hamlets Council over possible sites are also continuing.</p> <p>The committee have also supported local residents in their concerns over specific planning applications, such as Gateway's proposals for developing 10 Norman Grove, resulting in some modifications to these.</p> <p>Committee members have also participated in recent meetings of the Green Lines campaign coordinated by the Roman Road Trust, and in discussions over the TFL funding for Bow under its Liveable Neighbourhoods programme.</p> <p>The challenge for 2019-20 will be to maintain momentum in the neighbourhood plan process, whilst continuing to gather evidence and consulting with a wide range of individuals and organisations. This will enable us to develop specific policies and projects to include in the neighbourhood plan, which will be subject for pre-submission consultation, and then independent examination and a public referendum in 2020.</p> <p>Alex thanked Natalya Palit for her contribution to the work of the Forum over the past year.</p>	
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<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>Election of Forum Committee officers and members (By show of hands)</b></p> <p><u>3.1 Election of Chair</u>  The Chair was taken by Mike Mitchell for this item of business. Alex Holmes confirmed his willingness to stand for re-election as Chair, and in the absence of any other candidates, a vote for election proceeded by show of hands. There was a unanimous vote in favour of Alex being appointed.</p> <p><u>3.2 Election of Treasurer</u>  Alex Holmes resumed chairing the meeting at this point. Mike Mitchell confirmed his willingness to stand for re-election as Treasurer, and in the absence of any other candidates, a vote for election proceeded. There was a unanimous vote in favour of Mike Mitchell being appointed as Treasurer.</p> <p><u>3.3 Election of Secretary</u>  Lee Sargent confirmed his willingness to stand for re-election as Secretary, and in the absence of any other candidates, a vote for election proceeded. There was a unanimous vote in favour of Lee Sargent being appointed.</p> <p><u>3.4 Election of other Committee Members</u>  The following had indicated their willingness to serve as committee members and were elected unanimously by a show of hands:</p> <p>Sarah Allan  Sarah Bland (Forum website)  Eddie Blake  Janita Han</p>	
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<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business, and so the Chair brought the meeting to a conclusion at 4.15 pm.</p>	
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