



Residents' Winter Party & Annual General Meeting 24 January 2023 at 6-8pm

The 2023 Residents' Winter Party was held at Auriens, Dovehouse Street. Members and guests arrived starting at 6pm to enjoy a glass of wine and conversations with others.

The AGM was opened at 6.40pm by Susan Spiller, Chair of SSDRA, who welcomed all members and residents to the annual meeting. She introduced SSDRA committee members Lucinda d'Ambrumenil (membership), Laura Carrara Cagni (planning) and Seb de Lemos (website and communications). And noted apologies from David Farlow (treasurer).

She introduced Miriam Parker, PSCO for Stanley Ward, and our three Councilors: Kim Taylor-Smith, Will Pascall, and Josh Rendall.

As a reminder, **SSDRA membership** is open to all residents (owners/renters) in Sydney Street, Bury Walk, Pond Place, Guthrie Street and Stewart's Grove. Most SSDRA communications are by email and WhatsApp. The **SSDRA WhatsApp Community Group** include both members and other residents in our neighborhood. Anyone wishing to join the WhatsApp can contact us by email at info@SSDRA.org.uk. SSDRA also publishes a periodic (typically annual) newsletter and our website at www.SSDRA.org.uk.

Miriam Parker provided an update on policing and safety in the area, noting that our area is generally a safe part of London, although periodic incidents do occur. She reminded residents to report any issues that they see in order to ensure that she or others are able to follow up on them. Also, to ensure that windows are closed and locked when one is away from their home, that blinds are closed in the evening to prevent potential burglars from seeing valuable items in a home and that alarms and ring-style doorbells/cameras are helpful in deterring and preventing crime.

Our councilors updated on three main topics: Dovehouse Green, Sutton Estate, and Chelsea Green.

The work on **Chelsea Green** to close the street along the East side of the Green and add new plantings to the centre has now substantially completed, although some plants will need to be re-done due to motorists mistakenly driving over the new pedestrian areas. Most of the work on **Dovehouse Green** is also substantially complete; additional work to improve the drainage will continue. In addition, there is expected to be a new statue of Oscar Wilde installed in Dovehouse Green. The **Sutton Estate** is being updated by Clarion within the

existing buildings, with the objective to significantly improve the living accommodations for its residents.

There were a number of questions for both councilors and police, including related to electric bicycles, crime prevention, housing, Marsden Hospital, and current and longer term development of the hospital and medical developments. The Councilors suggested that interested members would benefit from discussing this final topic with the RBKC Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment. This will be arranged as a follow up.

The Chair thanked our councilors and the police for attending. The meeting was closed at 7.15pm by the Chair, who invited attendees to stay longer to socialize and to speak 1:1 with police and councilors.

She also thanked Auriens for their generous hospitality in hosting our SSDRA meeting.

The event ended at 8pm.

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