

**Old Chiswick Protection Society**  
**Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at**  
**The Hock Cellar, Fullers' Brewery**

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman thanked those present for attending. OCPS was the oldest conservation society in the UK, and this conservation area was also the oldest.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved.

**3. Election of President**

Sir Alan Munro was unanimously elected President for the forthcoming year.

**President's remarks**

Sir Alan was unfortunately unable to be present for the start of the meeting, but would join us as soon as possible.

**4. Election of members of the Executive Committee**

Hugh Padgham, Penny Barltrop, Therese Tobin, Dominic Rowe, Robbie Gill and Sophie Sainty were elected to the Committee to serve for three years.

**5. Hon. Treasurer's Report**

James Stitt presented the accounts, which were duly approved. Subs were up. So too were donations. It seemed better not to use standing orders for subs, as this denied folk the chance to add a further donation to their sub. The Eyot had been our biggest expense. At about £2,000+, it represented about half our expenditure. We had paid for stakes to strengthen the revetments, and paid towards their installation. We had also helped fund two tombs: Saunders and Thorneycroft. We had funded a "plain clothes" bike for a neighbourhood officer, and a new tree along the Mall, to replace the huge elm that had once stood nearby. Although there was a deficit of some £2,200, our bank balance remains healthy.

**6. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer.  
Our new website is up and running, and is very good:  
[www.ocps.btck.co.uk](http://www.ocps.btck.co.uk)

The Eyot has been identified as the last remaining withybed on the Thames, among hundreds that had existed along the riverine community. OCPS has pollarded it since the War. There will be a Sunday community withy bundling, as had been practised hundreds of years ago. Children will be welcome, and it will be an opportunity to learn a traditional rural craft. The bundles will be used to produce a traditional withy fence, this collects mud, allows growth and protects the Eyot against erosion. Thanks were due to Fullers for their contribution to the cost of the stakes.

The proposed A4 Underpass is exciting and challenging. Exciting because the A4, when built, had cut a swathe through west London, and challenging because it will have consequences for Netheravon Road and how it operates, and for the Brewery.

We need to remember that the A4 split Old Chiswick from the rest of Chiswick. The subways that connect us are only in the good condition that they are in because of the constant hard work of the Roads sub-committee.

The Lamb Brewery site: an application for change of use from offices to housing had been turned down by LBH. New rules mean that OCPS was not consulted on the scheme. There may well be an Appeal. In any event, the Lamb Brewery site is now clearly identified as a potential development site, and we will need to be vigilant.

## **7. AOB : Questions and Answers**

Parking in Church St: Cllr MacGregor said that there was money in the Parking Management Account at LBH, despite a member having been told otherwise. Mr Clifton to liaise with those interested in taking this forward.

The dangerously short time to exit Church St onto the Hogarth roundabout was causing a lot of local concern. The multi million pound "Mover" system did not take account of the tides, which cause increased traffic up Church St when people discover that the Mall is flooded. We are in contact with TfL over this.

The Chairman thanked everyone, again, for coming, and thanked Fullers for their unstinting generosity in providing both the venue and excellent refreshments.