

BLSC Meeting – 6th March 2023, 5pm

Minutes

Present: Martin Pask (Fusion), Tara Fisher-Harris (Fusion), Stephen Trowell, Ben Longman, Sophia Marsh, Susy Hogarth, Giles Gibson, Noreen Stewart

Apologies: Guy Wickett, Michael Boyle, Jason DaPonte, Rodney Craig

1. Financial information

Attendance in 2022 strongly up on 2021. Membership is stable. Net contribution is 31%, considerably above standard Fusion contribution.

BLSC members asked questions about centralised costs and leasing costs and why they are so much higher than previously. Also questions why the leasing costs are so high. The committee raised serious concerns that profit made at the site is being spent elsewhere in the Fusion network. The complaint is that at a time when it is clear that the site is clearly underinvested in. It also raised concerns that there is no data on concessions or people from housing estates.

2. Leak

BLSC is concerned there is a leak at the lido, particularly since it is only 3 years since the pool has been renovated.

3. Pricing

Fusion is looking for a 10% pricing increase rolled out universally across the sites.

BLSC will write to Lambeth to say that we are not in agreement on price rises. NS also raised a concern that the local housing association discount is not being applied; also housing association users need better outreach from Fusion as take up is low.

4. Overflowing bins

MP made clear that overflowing bins outside the site were not related to the lido or under Fusion's control.

5. Fire exits

There are fire exit issues because of overgrown foliage around the perimeter of the lido site – particularly affects any disabled users including from Whippersnappers.

6. Meeting to resolve remaining issues

The next meeting is scheduled for 30th March.