

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

CHAIR'S STATEMENT

HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 9TH NOVEMBER 2022

Operations

This summer has been quite busy with various activities;

Yards, Grounds & Gardens.

Throughout the summer the grounds team have been maintaining the gardens and verges in accordance with the Green Framework formulated last year. This policy is currently under review and will be extended to include the No-Mow-May initiative. We are also getting assistance from an expert in 'wilding' to advise on planting strategies (at no cost to the HLE).

All of the Estate trees, over 500, have been surveyed by our tree specialists, Wassells, and any requiring pruning has been actioned, this is in line with our policy of annual inspections. We are also about to complete the year 2 pollarding of the Hillway limes, now staggered over a number of years to ensure some foliage is always present for wildlife.

Gates.

Over the summer the avenue gates have been repainted. Next summer it is planned to paint the railings around the gardens at the top of the estate.

An additional bike gate was in created on the Holly Lodge Mansions/Swains Lane gate to encourage cyclists to use the road rather than the footpath.

Other Activities

Bike Shelters

The Committee has been working with the Holly Lodge Residents Association (HLRA) to identify locations for bike hangars on the mansion block avenues. It is proposed that up to 2 car parking spaces in each mansion avenue be made available for Camden to install Cyclehoop hangars, each capable of storing 6 bikes. Members of the Committee are also assisting the HLRA to determine how to improve the security and useability of the various shelters built during the refurbishment of the flats.

ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

An update to be given at the meeting.

Motions

No motions received.

Staff & Officers

To bring the HLE Committee up to full strength, Widemar Spruijt was co-opted on to the Committee in May and plans to stand for election at the AGM. Widemar brings a wealth of Town Planning experience to the Committee.

The staff, Gerry, Dean, Sean & our newest recruit, Nicola, have continued to maintain the estate to the high standards we all can enjoy. And Antonia, who joined us in March, is settling into the role of Estate Manager, getting to grips the various requirements of the role. I would like to thank them, and my colleagues on the Committee, for all their labours.

Martin Narraway
Chair
Holly Lodge Estate Committee