



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 5 May 2022
(Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

Present: Directors - John Simpson (White Light), John D’Aprano (DS Systems), Lee Anderson (GreenLight) and Dawit Debesu (RTD Properties)
Estate Coordinator - Claire Morris and Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies)
Apologies: Directors: Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society)

2. BID Director and Estate Coordinator posts

John Simpson and Claire Morris would both shortly be stepping down from their respective roles as BID Chair and Estate Coordinator. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that John D’Aprano should be appointed as the new Chair and Lee Anderson the new Deputy Chair of the BID Board.

The Board also agreed that Nick Stefka should formally take over as Estate Coordinator and also continue in his role as Estate Ranger with effect from 1 July 2022.

It was decided that it would now be appropriate to appoint a number of new Directors to the Board and potential candidates would be sought from across the SWBA business community.

3. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- work to progress the wayfinding project was now in hand;
- Merton Council had commenced work on the refreshing of various road markings and signage on the estate. The one way signs at the exits of the businesses located on Lombard Road were now all pointing in the correct direction; the give way lines and other road markings in that area had been repainted; and a new ‘No Right Turn’ sign had been introduced at the T-junction at Deer Park Road and Lombard Road. Other improvements were due to be made as part of the Council’s overall work programme in the coming months;
- the Council had now contacted the owners of the signs located on the embankment separating Lombard Road from Morden Road to ask for these to be removed by the end of May. If no action was taken, the Council would then take them down.

4. Financial Matters

The Board considered that it would be appropriate for some changes to the BID's accounting arrangements to be made. In particular, it was agreed that new accountants should be engaged to handle the BID's accounts and tax affairs and potentially suitable firms would therefore be identified for this purpose.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting – 12.30pm, 9 June 2022

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 7 July 2022

Additional dates for the new BID year commencing 1 July 2022 - TBA