

Chair's Reports

Izzy Knowles was chair for the first part of this year until she resigned due to clash of interests. Taking over from Izzy Knowles last summer was no mean task: I want to thank her for her skill at leading the Forum and the effort and commitment that she has put in. It has solidified the role of the Forum as a beacon of community participation that many other Forums are envious of.

Since last summer there have been many issues covered in our Open Committee Meetings and Public Meetings. These have included:

- School Road traffic problem: still unresolved but options are now being considered.
- Parking problems during large events at Cannon Hill Park: this is an on-going battle to get organisers to recognise their responsibilities and to act on them.
- Problems of bus stop removal: still unresolved so this will figure in calling West Midlands Travel to hear what Moseley people think
- Boundaries: having been so successful in fighting for and getting a Moseley Ward that encompasses the WHOLE of Moseley, many people were too fatigued to fight another battle for the constituency boundaries. So Moseley Forum took the helm and produced two comprehensive 18 page documents fighting for a wiser boundary on behalf of the different Moseley Groups. We'll know the outcome of this later this year
- Some of our people have started the 'litterbusters' and we thank all of our community who are seeking to improve it.
- Pollution: We have continued to push for a realistic appraisal of the dangers of pollution in the centre of Moseley, using FoE measuring devices. Kings Heath, as we saw on TV, have managed to surpass us and bring home to people the problems caused by stop-start traffic and even traffic-calming humps.
- The redesign of part of the centre of Moseley from where the station will be and M&S and the crossroads. I was very pleased to win a £10,000 grant from the Local Innovation Fund (LIF) and £4,000 from the Farmers' Market. This will be through local volunteers and the assistance of Phil Jones Associates who are here tonight.

Many communities don't have a voice in what happens to them: Moseley is different. We not only react to issues but are also pro-active in our desire to make Moseley a better place to live in and where you feel proud to belong. If you want to be part of this next year, then please let us co-opt you onto the committee or come along to our monthly meetings here on the last Tuesday 7-9pm.

Lastly I wish to thank Anna Hrabowecykj whose wisdom and pragmatism has been invaluable. She has been thorough and transparent in dealing with the finances as treasurer. She is stepping down for family reasons but we hope to see her back sometime in the future.

I wish to thank all our team and anyone who has contributed at one of our meetings.

David

From Izzy Knowles, former Chair:

"When I took over as Chair of Moseley Forum two and a half years ago I admit to being rather chuffed but quite apprehensive as to what it would entail. Keeping passionate Moseleyite's in order when they have bees' in their bonnets can be no mean task.

But with the guidance of a very experienced and amazing committee I am proud of what we achieved, most notably the democratic community led action that resulted in the local boundary changes that the people of Moseley asked for, re-inforcing the reputation of Moseley being a place not to be messed with.

The best bit of being Chair was working with so many like minded people, residents and businesses to not just highlight issues, but to work on solutions, to bring about change and to keep Moseley the best place to live in the UK.

I would especially like to thank the committee , David, Esther, Anna, Jill, Liz, Rob, Chloe, John & Adam for all your help and support in making my time as chair an experience I have learned from and which I thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you all. You are the voice of the community, carry on being just that'