

Hatcham Society AGM 2026
19/03/2026, 6-7pm
hARTslane Gallery

Minutes

Attendees: 10 locals

Emily Finch welcomed the attendees and explained the history and the aims of the Hatcham Society

The role of the Hatcham Society is to be a robust voice of local people

Challenges and changes in the area ahead:

Potential Bakerloo Line, Sainsbury's New Cross Gate Redevelopment, Millwall Stadium, Bridgehouse Meadows, Besson Street, Post Office development into student accommodation.

Emily explained that she stepped down last year (AGM 2025). However, the new Chair William Mathews is unwell and has been unable to fulfil this role. She says that he has asked her to have another AGM to find a replacement for him.

Sigrun Sverrisdottir and Cristiana Bottigella, currently Secretaries of the Hatcham Society, announced they also wanted to step down

Malcolm Bacchus (Chair of the Telegraph Hill Society) explained the scope of the role of the Chair and how the job takes as much time as one's prepared to give. He explained that a Society has the power to object to Planning Applications.

The main duty of the Chair is to be point of contact for Lewisham Council when there are Planning Applications for Hatcham. The Chair's responsibility is to circulate the information so that local residents are informed.

The Hatcham Society currently has a mailing list of 150 contacts.

The Chair's responsibility also includes the maintenance of the website, for which there is budget for the next two years but the chair will have to fundraise after that.

The Hatcham Society Facebook group is a good tool for discussion amongst local residents and the new Chair should try to keep it alive.

Malcolm also explained the scope of the National and London Plans.

Emily asked the attendees if anyone was willing to take the position of Chair and Secretary.

Nicholas Hitchens, who just moved to Hatcham said he would be Chair.

Victoria, who lives near Bridgehouse Meadows said she could be Secretary if Nick would be Chair.

Benoit Heynderickx, who lives in Hatcham and also volunteers with Friends of Eckington Gardens, offered to be Vice Chair - Nick agreed.

Meeting concluded with a new committee.