

Friends of Herne Hill Velodrome Officers of Friends Management Committee - Information

Recent background: Herne Hill Velodrome, 104 Burbage Road, SE24, and its historic cycle track, first built in 1891, had been falling into disrepair since 2005. But, in July 2011, following the Save the Velodrome campaign, British Cycling took on a new lease for the track and infill from The Dulwich Estate. And in August, the track was renovated and resurfaced in smooth, black tarred-granite, which is proving fast and stable – a racing and training track, fit for today’s and tomorrow’s champions. But the Velodrome buildings remain derelict.

Herne Hill Velodrome Trust (HHVT) has been set up as a charity (company no. 07458529, charity registration 1140128) to take over renovation and running of the whole site and make it a Community Centre for cycling and other sports for all ages and abilities. To achieve this, it is working on the business plan and to identify sources of capital and revenue funding.

Purpose: The Friends of Herne Hill Velodrome is being set up by HHVT to provide numerical and material support and help with future management, through the Friends’ Trustee on the HHVT Board, as set out in the Trust’s constitution, and by close cooperation with the Friends Management Committee (FMC).

Structure: The FMC will consist of 12 Officers, elected each year from among the Friends (over 18 years old), at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the autumn. The Officers will comprise Chair, Vice-Chair, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and 8 others with skill/interest in website, database, communications, events/visits organising, cycling and sports liaison, fund-raising, volunteer management, or other, plus the Friends’ Trustee on the HHVT Board and the HHVT Trustee with special responsibility for the Friends as ex officio members, to facilitate collaboration with HHVT.

Functions: The FMC will arrange the AGM, collect the annual subscriptions (£10) and Gift Aid, send out the HHVT newsletter and other communications to the Friends, organise events and visits, and help with fund-raising and volunteering at HHV as the project progresses. As well as the AGM, the FMC is expected to meet at least once each quarter.

Benefits: Involvement with a very worthwhile sports and social project, association with many aspects of cycling, cycle racing and other sports, and the opportunity to meet new friends and socialize, in this amazing green space which is Herne Hill Velodrome.

If you would like to join the Friends Management Committee as an Officer, please complete and submit the FMC Officers Application Form as soon as possible, so we can prepare a list of candidates, although there will be a further opportunity to apply, at the Inaugural General Meeting, on Wednesday 30 November, 7pm for registration, meeting 7.30 to 9pm, in Herne Hill Methodist Church Hall, 155 Half Moon Lane, near Beckwith Road, SE24 9JG. If you apply, you will need to attend and introduce yourself to the Meeting, before the election by a show of hands of the Friends (over 18 years old) present.

Please email your FMC application form or any queries to chornsby@hhvt.org or post it to FMC, HHVT, c/o 48 Winterbrook Road, London SE24 9JA.