

Secretary's Report for AGM March 2016

The Committee met each month with the exception of August and December 2015 in order to organise our monthly open meetings, report on membership and finance and find ways of addressing the issues of pensioners. Newsletter mail outs were arranged and advertising for our meetings and actions. This report summarises the decisions made and agreed by the committee over the last year.

Following the Hustings in April it was agreed that we endeavour to get other local organisations together to reform Lambeth Older People's Alliance (LOPA) in order to get our voices heard to fight the issues arising from Austerity measures being brought in by government. Over the last few months a total of fourteen groups have met culminating in a public meeting in January.

In order to arrange our Health Conference we looked at the feedback from last year's conference and it was decided to invite speakers on Diabetes, Arthritis and Hospital Discharge.

We looked at our finances urgently after we had to change our venue and start paying rent for Stockwell Resource Centre. (The Town Hall is free) The fundraising sub-committee organised a fund raising day where we had food, bric-a-brac, tombola and books for sale and everything was contributed by our members. The Committee decided to hold monthly raffles with prizes donated by members. Bola was able to secure a free venue for our monthly open meetings from January onwards which has been a great help and for which we are very grateful. Ellen pursued and obtained a grant for a Warm and Well event.

Over the year we have invited members to join us in many campaigns including the library closures, Fuel Poverty, NHS and TTIP, Housing & Welcome to Refugees.

I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts this year and hope to encourage you to come and join. And thank you to all our members for their contributions to LAMPAG

Penny Savage
Secretary