

Scrutiny Sub-Committee B

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Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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London Bee Keepers Communication.

Note of telephone call with the secretary to the London Bee Keepers Association.

The London Bee Keepers Association (LBKA) is the association for those in London who already keep bees or who intend to do so, for beginners who want to start beekeeping and need instruction, and for anyone who wishes to be associated with beekeeping in the London area, including members of other neighbouring Associations.

Bees are not resource heavy. To set up functioning hives (aviaries) they need very little space. The LBKA set up sites with just a few hives and a shed or mobile in which to run courses. They also offer mentoring for those who set up sites in their own gardens or property. The only stipulation is that designated sites are secure. All of their courses are free of charge and members of the LBKA give their time for free for the benefit of increasing bee populations which are sadly dwindling. They need more sites for those who wish to keep bees who may not have access to gardens or appropriate spaces.

The LBKA said that they were very willing provide guidance and advice to Southwark to help cultivate more sites for bees and the local Southwark community.