



CHELSEA SUPPORTERS' TRUST NEWSLETTER – February 2021

Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to the February edition of the Chelsea Supporters Trust newsletter. These continue to be strange times but there are still issues and events we think worth bringing to your attention.

A section of the introduction to our last newsletter, in December, shows how two months can be a long time in football. '...this newsletter coincides with the return of supporters, albeit in small numbers. However, it is good to be back, particularly with the team doing so well'. Sadly, after two home games, as we know spectators were again prohibited from entering grounds and it may well be some time before that happens again, even on a phased basis.

We hope you and your family continue to stay safe.

Cliff Auger

Chair, Chelsea Supporters' Trust

Meeting With The Club

As the situation becomes clearer regarding readmitting supporters, we will continue to talk to the club on issues such as ticket allocation and pricing. At a recent meeting held with the club, CST board members stated our continued, unequivocal opposition to any potential ticket price increase for next season. Another meeting with the club is planned before the end of this season where we intend to discuss any possible different ticket arrangements for next season in more detail.

Managerial Change

The CST does not usually comment on footballing issues but at the recent meeting with the club the anger and disappointment felt at the dismissal of Frank Lampard was firmly put across, reflecting as it clearly did the feeling of a large proportion of the supporter base. Moving on, we welcome Thomas Tuchel to the club and share supporter enthusiasm at the excellent start he has made.

Big Sleep Out

On Saturday March 27th the CST are holding their second Big Sleep Out to raise money for our neighbours at Stoll, following on from the hugely successful event held at Stamford Bridge in 2019. Circumstances dictate that this one will be virtual so people will be able to do it at their own homes. As it is virtual, this is a great opportunity for those that do not live in the UK to join in. Also, why not involve the whole family !

Full details can be found here.

<https://chelseasupportertrust.com/big-virtual-stamford-bridge-sleepout-2021/>

If you have any questions on The Big Sleep Out, please contact Paul at events@chelseasupportertrust.com

Farewell And Thank You To Ramzi Shammass

The CST board has reluctantly accepted the decision of Ramzi Shammass to resign from his position as a co-opted board member. We would like to thank him for his hard work and active support over the past five years, particularly with regard to the annual CST Members Survey, a significant piece of work he has always carried out with energy and diligence.

Forthcoming Special General Meeting

We are looking to hold a remote Special General Meeting in the relatively near future, and are working on ideas around the agenda and possible guests. Members will be notified when these plans are firmed up.

Joint Letter On European Super League

In an unprecedented move, supporter groups from across Europe, including the CST, recently signed a joint statement (see link) in implacable opposition to a European Super League, the concept of which has received much publicity recently.

<https://www.fanseurope.org/en/news/news-3/2342-fans-from-across-europe-unite-to-oppose-european-super-league.html>

As always, we will keep you posted of any developments on the above issues or on other matters of interest, through our website and Twitter/Facebook accounts.

Thank you for your continued support and please, Stay Safe

If you have comments or questions on any of the above, or any other CST activity, please let us know:

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