



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – September 2014

Welcome to the new season (and hasn't it started well on the pitch), and a special welcome to those who have joined the CST over the summer. A fair bit has been happening with regard to the CST over the past few weeks, as detailed below.

AGM Motions and Board Election Results

The result of the vote on the motions proposed at the recent AGM was as follows:-

Motion 1. Affirmation of board members. All board members received affirmative votes, as follows:-

Cliff Auger 98.88% Yes;	Neil Beard 97.39% Yes;
Julian Beattie 97.39% Yes;	David Chidgey 98.13% Yes;
David Johnstone 98.51% Yes;	Stuart Kinner 98.13% Yes;
Theresa Magee 97.39% Yes;	Celia Mindelsohn 97.39% Yes;
Tim Rolls 98.13% Yes.	

Motion 2.	Accounts approval	96.99% yes
Motion 3.	CST affiliations	100% yes
Motion 4.	Campaign to remain at Stamford Bridge	96.59% yes
Motion 5.	Safe Standing Campaign	95.06% yes
Motion 6.	Away ticketing / supporter issues	99.24% yes
Motion 7.	Ticket pricing at Stamford Bridge	99.24% yes
Motion 8.	Membership of Safety Advisory Group	98.10% yes
Motion 9.	Stakeholder Engagement	100% yes
Motion 10.	Football in the Community	97.71% yes
Motion 11.	Co-option of Board Members	93.49% yes
Motion 12.	Purchase of one Chelsea Pitch Owners share	99.62% yes

All motions were therefore passed. The board meet in a few days' time to develop plans to ensure the motions passed by you, the members, are taken forward in an effective and appropriate manner. Thanks to all those who voted.

AGM Report

The CST AGM was held at the Copthorne Hotel on Saturday 15th August. More information about what was covered at the meeting, including a link to the minutes and a podcast, can be found here. http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/agm_2014.html

Annual CST Membership Survey Results

The annual membership survey results should be published w/c 15/9/2014. We gave a flavour of the results at the AGM and are now working on an analysis comparing the 2013 results with this year's to enable trend analysis.

Recent Meeting with Club Executives

Last month a couple of CST board members had an informal, non-minuted discussion with Ron Gourlay (Chelsea FC Chief Executive) and Graham Smith (Chelsea FC Supporters Liaison Officer). The dialogue was a positive one, covered a range of issues close important to the CST' and lasted 90 minutes.

Forthcoming Fans Forum

The first Fans Forum of the season is being held next Saturday, before the Swansea game. The CST board representative, Jules Beattie, will be attending. The main topic this time is ticketing, and he will raise issues fed through to us by our members.

CST Membership Renewals

We have been sending out renewal emails to voting members as their memberships expire. Annual voting membership is only £5 and obviously we hope that as many of you as possible will choose to sign up. When you renew you can opt for an annual subscription which makes renewal more convenient. More details of this option are in the renewal notice.

Non-voting members can upgrade to voting membership for £5, and will receive a free CST pin badge included in their membership. Details on how to join the CST can be found here: <http://www.chelseasupporterstrust.com/membership.html>

Petition re Student Price Bracket for 2015/16 season

Chelsea supporter Jack Cox has started a petition regarding Chelsea FC introducing a student ticket price bracket for the 2015/16 season. Although the petition is not a CST initiative, it falls under the recently passed motion 7 on home ticket pricing and has been raised with us by members in the past. Please add your support if you agree.

<http://www.change.org/p/chelsea-football-club-introduce-a-student-price-bracket-for-the-2015-16-season>

Forum for Cab Sharing / Lifts after Away Trains Get Back to London

CST member Chris Rayburn came up with a good idea at the post-AGM drink. He suggested the CST set up a Twitter account or similar, designed to allow supporters travelling on club trains which get back very late into London to be able to arrange to share cabs (or lifts) home. We will aim to implement this for the next club-operated train.

Matchday CST Board Presence at cfcuk Stall

A CST board member will be at the cfcuk stall (opposite Fulham Broadway tube station main entrance) before every weekend home game, from two hours before the game starts until 30 minutes before kick-off. You can pick up your CST badge, raise any issues or concerns you have or just come and say hello.

General links

Bundesliga chief says there would be a “huge shitstorm” if German clubs started charging Premier League prices.

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/aug/13/bundesliga-premier-league-germany-ticket-prices>

Affordable football for all' march on the Premier League.

<http://fsf.org.uk/blog/view/affordable-football-for-all-august-2014> and also

<https://www.the-newshub.com/stories/premier-league-ticket-pricing-under-fire>

Get a third off rail fares with the Two Together Railcard. <http://www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk/leaflet/>

The FSF's away fans survey is back for 2014/15. Fill it in if you went to Burnley or Everton. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/away-fans-2014-15>

Bubble matches: the biggest civil liberties outrage you've never heard of.

www.spectator.co.uk/features/9292132/the-biggest-civil-liberties-outrage-youve-never-heard-of/

Chelsea related links

UEFA rescind partial stadium closure at PSG following appeal against punishment for their fans' abuse of Chelsea supporters in disabled section.

<http://www.chelseafc.com/news/latest-news/2014/09/uefa-appeal-ruling-on-discrimination-towards-disabled-chelsea-fa.html>

Download the automatically updated [#CFC](#) fixture list (Google calendar, smartphone & RSS) from the official website.

<http://www.chelseafc.com/matches/fixtures---downloadable.html>

Here's a video of Chelsea beating Birmingham City 3-0 at Stamford Bridge in the 3rd round of the FA Cup en route to 1970 glory!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okUgyw8Ylro>

Chelsea FC tribute to Lord Dickie Attenborough. <http://www.chelseafc.com/news/latest-news/2014/08/club-tributes-to-lord-attenborough.html>

For all the latest news and views that catch the CST's eye follow the Trust on Twitter at www.twitter.com/chelseastrust and like us on facebook at

www.facebook.com/chelseasupporterstrust

Transport Information

It's now the Close Season, but it's still worth adding links to transport pages in your browser favourites and Twitter following.

Advance train ticket alerts from thetrainline.com. Please be aware fixtures are subject to change due to television demands, before booking:

<http://www.thetrainline.com/ticketalert/football/premier-league>

Travel to the Bridge by train? Weekend travel news from TfL:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/livetravelnews/realtime/track.aspx?offset=weekend>

Follow TfL travel status & updates on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/TfLTravelAlerts>

Putney Bridge Closed:

A reminder that Putney Bridge is still closed. It's supposed to re-open on 2th September.

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/putney-bridge>

If you have comments or questions on any of the above information, or any other CST activity, please let us know: enquiries@chelseasupporterstrust.com

The next newsletter will be after the AGM, soon after the new season starts. Let's all get behind José and the team and hopefully we'll manage some silverware this coming season. There are some changes, but with the new faces that have joined our already excellent squad it looks like it is going to be one very enjoyable season, that's for sure.



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