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Among the difficulties the committee faces is a lack of communication between the members and their units; the Est/Liv and Air Rangers being the worst offenders. The communication in the Telford is good however. This lack of communication manifests itself in the dearth of ideas being expressed at meetings. Coupled with a certain amount of apathy towards the committee service by some members this lack of communication appears to be a major problem. There was also adverse comment from the elected representatives about the parts played by some of the leaders on the committee and the lack of respect they show towards the chairman.

There was an almost unanimous opinion that the number of leaders on the committee be reduced and their opinions voiced at the discretion of the chairman, their role being reduced to an advisory capacity. The leaders 'awesome' presence in this type of situation would not tend to stifle discussion to such a great extent as it does now.

The committee arranges the events in Streatham as a whole and discusses the activity down to the smallest detail and hence the proceedings become slow. When arranging activities the committee often lacks specialist skills but does not appear to co-opt people with these attributes onto the organising sub-committees as frequently as is desirable and this leads to an inefficient but overworked committee.

The Bowling League was formed last Autumn to coordinate mixed activities including bowling and other social functions. This idea was originally conceived before the Mixed Camp Committee transformed itself into the M.A.C. The Bowling League ran successfully, arranging bowling twice a month in conjunction with a series of social evenings.

The Bowling League is again to run a programme this winter. The members of the Mixed Activities Committee and some of the Bowling League staff are of the opinion that the Bowling League social events, excluding pure bowling, should come under the control of the M.A.C. Half of the people questioned believed that all aspects of the Bowling Leagues activities should come under the auspices of the M.A.C. with possibly a member off the Bowling League staff on the Committee.

Mixed activities in Streatham are being run at present by two rival bodies; one officially recognised and the other only semi-official. This ludicrous situation must end.