

FoBP Away Day, Brockwell Hall, Sunday, 15 May 2016

Present: Adam Steinhouse, Antonia Gross, Dean Littler, Laura Morland, Michael Boyle, Noshir Patel, Peter Bradley. Apologies: Edward Lavender.

1. Vision

FoBP values:

- i) Champions of the entire park / independent, open and honest / passion for park / overview across everything / feistiness of committee.
- ii) Campaigns re: noise; gated events; miniature railway container / engagement with community and other parks organisations / representing views to Lambeth.
- iii) Added value / initiatives to improve park: trees; benches; walled garden; disabled access.

Challenges:

- i) Working with Lambeth: what are the boundaries? Main issues: gated events; noise levels; getting information; Cressingham Gardens; Brockwell Hall bid.
- ii) How to reconcile campaigning with our "added value" work: limits of our own resources; website operation and added work; more sub-committees?
- iii) Links with BPCP; Parks Forum; London-wide initiatives ("Global green city").

What should the FoBP focus on?

- i) Campaigning: links with Lambeth, including Events; Parks Forum; new London Mayor.
- ii) Added value: website; trees; benches; walled garden; newsletter; walks; events; more cooperation (avoid duplication) with BPCP; attend PMT and Parks Forum meetings.

2. Activities

Meetings: FoBP committee (10/year); PMT (third Wed of month, next on 18 May 2 pm); Parks Forum (quarterly, next on 21 May AM at Brockwell Hall); BPCP open meetings (quarterly, next to include Jack Hopkins, new cabinet member for parks?); special meetings on campaigns.

Website; monthly e-mail bulletin with events listing; newsletter; surveys.

Special leaflets on disabled trail and gym trail.

Monitor park events; sound levels; bbq's; harmful gymnastics on tree branches: Ask for more Lambeth notices about rules at park entrances.

Links with Finchley Park campaign.

MADD pop-up programme / exhibitions / concerts.

3. How to get the best out of membership?

Use website for specific requests and more complete calendar of

events.

NL / website features: "meet a member"; "eye on the park"; links to other local groups.

Restart e-mail bulletins: first one to sum up recent achievements and include specific "shout-outs" for: LCS stall volunteers; car boot volunteers (4-5 for tea stall); newsletter designers / contributors; experts/observers on birds, wildlife, unusual dogs; MADD volunteers; website contributors; park monitors; trail leaflet writers (users of trim trail).

Community links: how?

Campaigning leaflets.

Merchandise: tea towels and mugs.

4. Spending priorities

Donations: 4-5 each year of £250 each

Survey(s): £250

Website / newsletter: normal running costs

Noise level campaign: report from expert monitor @ £500 - £1000

MADD pop-up programme and upfront funding for exhibitions / concerts: £2000 (with expected £500 return)

Merchandise tea towels and mugs: £1000

2017-18: disabled trail and gym trail leaflets: £500 - £1000