

## **Extra-ordinary Committee Meeting of Friends of Brockwell Park December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, Norwood Lodge, 7pm.**

**Members attending:** Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair; Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Noshir Patel (NP), Secretary; Laura Morland (LM), Parks Liaison; Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary; Alice Playle (AP); Edward Lavender (EL).

**Apologies:** Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter.

**Also attending:** Ann Kingsbury (AK), Chair, Brockwell Park Community Partners, Chair, Lambeth Parks Forum; Alice Salisbury (ASa), Literature Montage/Formatting, Creator/Manager *brockwellstreet.org* website.

### **Purpose: Response to Lambeth Parks proposals for Events in Brockwell Park in 2018:**

#### **Order of business:**

1. AK presented her 10-point document. It was composed on behalf of Lambeth Parks Forum, in response to request by councillor Sonia Winfred, Lambeth Council Cabinet Member for Equalities & Culture, for a set of principles which should be applied to all Parks Events. This was firmly endorsed by the meeting. In addition, the meeting added a point 11, that “*the Events should benefit the community*”

This document was then adopted by the meeting: See Appendix 1.

**Action:** AK will present this document. to Lambeth Parks Forum & BPCP for their agreement, hopefully.

2. Comments by the meeting on the proformas for the 2018 ‘Field Day’ & ‘Lovebox’ Events. See Appendix 2.

Our meeting estimates that the two Events with the run-on of the LCS will deny a large part of Brockwell Park to our ordinary local Park users for 46 days in the Summer of 2018, covering School half-term and holidays. This is a vital time for children and families, many of whom have no gardens of their own. It is a time when many community Park activities take place, and their organizers fear severe disruption.

**Action:** This meeting’s response to the proformas will be forwarded to BPCP in the name of Friends of Brockwell Park; and FOBP will also post this response on the FOBP website.

3. Where do we go from here as a group?

A.

a). discussion around the need to alter the FOBP position statement on Events.

b). discussion on the definition a 'Major Event'. NP put forward the concept of a grid format for this, to include such data as numbers anticipated, impact on the park anticipated.

c). there was general agreement that these 'Major Events' should be once-in-a-generation impositions upon the Park. Brockwell Park is not suited to host them on a regular basis.

**Action:** *The meeting decided to defer reformulation of FOBP policy on Events, and definition of a 'Major Event' till our next ordinary meeting in January 2018*

B.

**Further Actions:**

- The meeting decided to create a link between *brockwellstreet.org* and the FOBP website to co-ordinate feedback on comments on the Events, and the FOBP response to the proformas.
- The FOBP website will post ways to access information about the Events: councillors; BPCP; *brockwellstreet.org* website.
- The FOBP website will assimilate the contact lists of *brockwellstreet.org* 1200 e-mails addresses and 500 facebook accounts for wider dispersal of FOBP statements.
- PB will issue immediately a very brief initial statement on FOBP position over the proposed 2018 Events for posting in its website & on the *brockwellstreet.org*. website
- PB will formulate a fuller statement on the FOBP position over the proposed 2018 Events for press release.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm