

# Minutes of Committee Meeting of the Friends of Brockwell Park, 20 November 2017, Norwood Lodge, 7pm

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

**Apologies:** Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter.

**References to:** Madeleine Boomgaarden (MBo), Website Manager; Keith Fitchett (KF), former Website Architect and Manager. Gal Sapir (GS), Website Architect.

## Minutes of October 20 2017.

Corrections:

1. Under the CIL money section of Matters arising, in b): LM corrected: 'newly-planted' to 'recently planted' trees

2. Under Treasurer's report, in a): LM added: 'and Mike Penney' to the section about the non-working fountain in the Walled Garden.

The Minutes were then approved, and signed by PB.

## Matters arising from the Minutes.

EL asked if the Minutes were being archived by anyone anywhere. They are not. The Committee agreed that this should start, and that they should be archived on the website from now on, and that an attempt should be made to add old Minutes as far back as possible, drawing on members' personal repositories. **Action:** AG will discuss with MBo.

2. KF has resolved the server incompatibility problem. The website is now under GS's control for work (and for payment for work on it) on an *ad hoc* basis. MBo is running the website content, and KF will kindly continue to help AG on the membership aspect.

## Fixed Business.

**Winter Fair on December 3:** NP reported that there are still a few tables available. Ideas were put forward for potential participants. The contents of our FOBP table was discussed. Personnel for setting up was arranged. **Action:** AG will contact Mike Penney about greenery decorations for the Fayre.

**FOBP Calendar for 2018:** PB presented a provisional one. The problem of our carboot and tree celebration dates clashing with Lambeth Park Events plans emerged, especially as some of the latter have no fixed date yet. A date for our Committee 'Away Day' was left floating. Tree celebration to be on Sunday 17 June.

**Brockwell Park Events:** PB feels that we should be more assertive in what FOBP regards as acceptable. Apart from the Lambeth County Show, two other 'major' events are planned, and other 'less major' ones. However, it seems that this classification is disguising the probable size of some events. There has been no consultation with Brockwell Park stakeholders over this programme. The Committee felt that it is very important to formulate a position statement on this matter, and that ideally it should be co-ordinated with the BPCP. AG suggested an extra-ordinary meeting of FOBP to address this. **Action:** FOBP will convene a Committee Meeting at 7pm on Monday December 4 to address this issue specifically. It was suggested that we invite Ann Kingsbury, Chair of BPCP, to this meeting. This was approved.

**London Borough of Culture Application:** This is a mayoral initiative, and comes with a budget of £1m. The Committee agreed to support Lambeth's application, with the condition that the application include specifically references to green issues, and the interests of its parks. **Action:** PB to write to Lambeth Council in this vein.

## Reports:

Chair:

1. PB said that the Bird Walk under the guidance of the RSPB was a great success. He thanked AG for organising this.

2. PB suggested we thank the RSPB formally, install little owl and kestrel bird-boxes which they suggested, and donate £50.00 to the RSPB. The Committee agreed.

**Action:** AG to follow up with the RSPB.

3. The SLBI is going to organise a 'Plant Hunt' in Brockwell Park on January 1 2018, 11am.

Vice-Chair: no report.

Treasurer: report presented by PB in the absence of DL:

1. Bank Accounts: £22,054.19; includes £2000 from PayPal, largely membership, and discussed with AG. £200.00 remains in PayPal.

2. £12,986.75 in Second Account.

Secretary: no report.

Parks Liaison:

LM said that 15 trees will be delivered on November 30 for planting in the park. Some 11 trees have been taken up by contributors so far.

LM questioned whether committee values her reports of Park Management Team meetings, and the Committee felt that this is important.

Newsletter: The Committee welcomes the contributions of Rose Montgomery, and especially her report in the latest Newsletter on the position of the political parties around parks and health. PB to make sure she gets a copy of the Newsletter.

#### **AOB:**

1. EL reported that the Lambeth Parks management is now gathering details of adverse events in parks. EL spoke to, and emailed Lara Mifsud-Bonici about this, in order to merge this initiative with the existing cumulative Adverse Events log maintained by him as Voluntary Co-ordinator of Brockwell Park Watch, but this has not yet happened. PB encouraged maintenance of this existing log anyway. This cumulative log can be used at some point as part of a justification for the return of the Park Rangers, PB said. AG said publication of the Adverse Events log in the Newsletter gives a depressing view of the Park and it should be balanced by positive news. This was agreed.
2. MB was unable to attend this Committee Meeting because he was representing FOBP at an open meeting called by Field Day Hoopla, which is hoping to hold its event in Brockwell Park next year. It was held formerly in Victoria Park, and has not yet been submitted to Lambeth Council for consideration. It anticipates an attendance of 135,000 people over 3 days.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

**Next Meeting: December 4, 7pm, Norwood Lodge, to focus solely on our events policy.**