

Friends of Brockwell Park Committee Meeting
April 10th, 2017. Norwood Lodge, 7.30 pm

Members Present: Peter Bradley, Chair (PB); Adam Steinhouse, Vice-Chair (AS); Dean Littler, Treasurer(DL); Edward Lavender (EL).

Apologies: Laura Morland, Parks Liaison (LM); Antonia Gross, Membership Secretary (AG); Michael Boyle (MB); Sandra Watts, Benches (SW).

Attending: Alice Playle (AP)

MINUTES of last Meeting, March 20th 2017. Accepted and signed by PB.

Matters arising:

1. Awaiting NP's bullet list for issues to raise with councillors.

AP has list of their surgery details.

2. Rory Huston's Sound Level report: extensive, containing many useful points. The Committee thanks Rory for the huge effort he has put into it. However, it is challenging in tone, with possibility of leading FOBP into areas which it has not the resources to meet. Parts of it can be incorporated trenchantly into the existing FOBP position statement written by MB. **Action:** MB to be approached (by EL) to do this.

AS led a broader discussion following from the above, visualising FOBP's representation to Lambeth Council as being a multi-pronged one, comprising: addressing the councillors; gleaning financial data from BPCP on Lambeth Events finances in order to make constructive suggestions for the finance of the Lambeth Country Show; informed comment on noise levels and their monitoring; and pressure for ground restoration. **Action:** PB will contact Ann Kingsbury for financial information. If adequate data not forthcoming, a possible FOI request to the Council was discussed.

3. Away Day on March 26th 2017: **Action:** discussion to await Minutes from NP.

4. Proposal for a FOBP Resolution to be put before the BPCP AGM on May 7th 2017, put by AS. He suggested three elements: covering sound levels at Events; ground damage due to Events; number of gated Events. This was agreed by the Committee. **Action:** AS to formulate a document, which he will circulate to Members for information purposes.

5. The Website: PB's questions of 4b in the March 20th Meeting have not been answered. Furthering the project depends on co-ordination between Madeleine, Keith & Gal. Several Members expressed lack of confidence over inputting into the new Website. **Actions:** 1. DL, on the Website sub-committee, will try to clarify matters. 2. We will try to arrange soon for a Committee tutorial on using the new Website.

REPORTS:

Chair:

1. Car-Boot matters: next one May 14th; Laura & Adam 8-10.30; Noshir?, Edward and Alice Playle 10.30-1.00. **Action:** EL to contact Noshir to confirm.

PB reported problem of sellers wanting to leave early, with potential traffic hazard. FOBP would be held responsible for accidents. **Action:** only an informal approach to offenders is available, with possible refusal of entry.

2. PB will do his History Walk on May 21st

3. On June 4th is the Sunday of tree-planting ceremony. PB has written to invite the Mayor.

4. On July 8th is the Lido 80th Anniversary celebration; attendance by invitation only, but available to FOBP Committee Members through PB.

5. PB has offered to help the proposed outdoor production of "The Tempest". His suggestion of £250 donation from FOBP agreed by the Committee.

Treasurer:

1. Account Balances: £32,293.36 & £12947.87

2. Rumour that the Council will charge FOBP VAT for the benches. This is almost certainly a mistake. The Council invoices FOBP for the cost, and the Council does not pay VAT. **Action:** DL will follow this up.

Newsletter:

The next one to be ready for the Lambeth County Show 15-16 July.

AOB:

a). Car Boot matters:

1. AP pointed out that bollards obstruct the corners of the carpark, limiting space available for the Car Boot sale. **Action:** PB will approach the Lido for the keys to unlock them
2. AP suggested that the chevrons on the speed bumps leading up to the carpark be repainted in order to save pedestrians from stumbling on them. **Action:** PB will discuss with the Lido.
3. AP says that she can get biodegradable cups cheaply by bulk-ordering, if we can store them. This raised the need for another set of shelves to be brought down from the Hall. **Action:** AP to investigate cost of cups; DL will get together with NP to organise shelves.
- b). PB asked EL about photos taken of the status quo of the Park terrain taken at the beginning of April, to document the scarring which persists from last year. Some of them may be useful for the next Newsletter, and as part of FOBPs multi-pronged representations to the Council. **Action:** EL will send photos over to PB for assessment.
- c). Membership. **Action:** DL & EL to work on a new leaflet; will liaise also with AG & LM on this.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Next Meeting: May 15th.

As agreed above (Item 4), AS sent this draft resolution to BPCP, for discussion at AGM on May 7:

RESOLUTION

With the summer events season in Brockwell Park about to begin, the Brockwell Park Community Partners puts on record its support for the following principles: no event in the park should be louder than 70 decibels; and any damage to the park should be repaired immediately and in full. In addition, the BPCP reaffirms its support for no more than two gated events in the summer season.