

Friends of Brockwell Park Committee Meeting May 15th 2017 at Norwood Lodge, 7.30 pm

Members attending: Adam Steinhouse, Vice-Chair (AS); Dean Littler, Treasurer & Website Committee (DL); Laura Morland, Parks Liaison (LM); Sandra Watts, Benches (SW); Michael Boyle, Newsletter, (MB); Edward Lavender (EL).

In attendance: Alice Playle (AP)

Apologies: Peter Bradley, Chair (PB); Noshir Patel, Secretary (NP); Antonia Gross, Membership Secretary (AG); Alice Salisbury (AS).

Minutes of Meeting April 10th 2017. AP requested correction of spelling of her name. The Minutes were then approved and signed off by AS.

Matters arising:

1. Rory Hudson's document on sound levels at Events: PB sent him a reply, appreciative and supportive, but FOBP is unable to engage in areas which have legal implications.
2. EL tried to contact MB re deriving an edited version of Rory's document to send to Lambeth Events. MB was on holiday. **Action:** MB will now compose and despatch a response.
3. Events finances. Details of PB's liaison with BPCP on this not available. **Action:** PB to provide details. **Action:** these details need to be included in the Bullet Point presentation for address to Councillors, which is being composed by NP.
4. Details of the Away Day Minutes have not been circulated to all Members. **Action:** DL to circulate this document .
5. The FOBP resolution (see Minutes of April 10th Committee Meeting) for the BPCP AGM on May 10th was presented by AS, and passed unanimously. However, the floor commented that heed should be taken of non-gated Events too, since they can and have had, a large, uncontrolled and under-estimated footprint in the past. It was suggested that Lambeth Events publish a map of Brockwell Park to Event organizers, indicating what areas are out of bounds (for instance, Football Pitches). **Action:** None, but this seems to be a constructive idea worth following up.
6. The Website. DL said that the 1st phase appears to be complete. However, though Madeleine Boomgaarden appears willing to continue engagement, the outline for her continuing involvement has not been defined. D listed the following points:
 - a). a specific post of Social Media developer and operator needs to be created; Madeleine would fill that post, and be paid. Our upper limit would be £1000.00, though we would see first what price she herself suggests.
 - b). this function should include updates onto the website a regular basis of forthcoming events.
 - c). it should produce a regular Brockwell Park e-mail newsletter, of the type which Keith (Fitchett) used to create.

- d). create a Calendar of Park events.
- e). publicise particular events..such as PBs forthcoming Park Walk.
- f). manage Brockwell Park Twitter and Facebook presence.

Action: DL plans to call a meeting of the Website Committee soon to engage these areas. In addition, PB's list of Website questions dating from the March 2017 Committee Meeting have still not been answered, and will need to be addressed.

- g). All Committee Members expressed continuing lack of confidence in operation of the Website. **Action:** revisit this at our June 19th meeting; with the intention of organizing more tutorials.
7. PB has written to the Mayor's Office about the Tree-Planting ceremony on June 4th
 8. The VAT Bench levy problem has been resolved: none to pay, as always in the past.
 9. New Membership leaflet: DL, LM, AG & EL met to merge a draft of a new one with the old one. This was done, and the resulting document will now be reformatted and will include the FOBP logo, and suitable photos. AS will be involved in this step.
 10. The matters of the bollards in the Lido Parking area, and the painting of chevrons on the speed bumps, both relevant to the Car Boot events: no information from PB yet.

Co-option:

There was unanimous agreement to put forward AP for co-option onto the Committee, so this will be voted on formally at our June 2017 meeting.

Lambeth Money Allocation:

Kevin Crook informs us that unspent Park money has been found, and is to be allocated to several Brockwell Park projects (as yet unspecified). **Action:** DL suggested that we make a list of our own to incorporate into the list which he believes that he will receive from Kevin. The Committee therefore made the following suggestions:

1. reactivation of the drinking-water fountains.
2. Start regular provision of the large refuse wagons in the Park from May through October, in order to cope with the summer refuse problem.
3. Continue renovation of paths; in particular, that leading up the hill from the Brixton Water Lane entrance.
4. Completion of the Lido steps repairs.
5. Funding for the Railway train housing container.
6. Wheelchair access to the new Sports Platform outside the Lido.

Expenditure plans for FOBP in the coming year, based on Away Day discussions: £500.00 to Walled Garden planting and maintenance.

£250.00 each for an estimated six projects in the Park (totalling £1500.00), but with flexibility in the individual dispensations, leading to a deliberate breach of the overall total if necessary.

£500.00 for printing of new Membership leaflets.

£1000.00 for social media post (see above).

Amount to be determined for accessibility projects.

£50.00 for Ping-Pong bats. The proposal is that the Lido should keep a stock, and let them out against a deposit. This depends on co-operation by the Lido. **Action:** MB will investigate.

FOBP policy on Event noise this year:

MB will send letter summarizing relevant points from Rory Hudson's document to Lambeth Events, and we shall observe the noise levels this year. If they are unsatisfactory, we shall consider sponsoring an independent monitoring team next year. In view of the likely cost of such an operation (Rory's estimate £2000-£5000), we might consider a crowd-funding exercise, possibly in conjunction with the Herne Hill Forum.

Biodegradable cups, for use on the Tea Stall at Car Boot events.

AP has investigated: we can get them at a cost of 11p each, delivered (compared with 7.5p for normal polystyrene ones). They have a life unused of a good 2 years. The Committee was in favour of the purchase of a 500 batch: they are beneficial environmentally, would bolster our own ecological stance, and would introduce their existence to others. **Action:** AP & DL to proceed to purchase.

Lobbying of Lambeth Councillors:

In view of the forthcoming General Election (June 8th), this will be deferred. Also, NP's Bullet Point leaflet is not ready, and an element of Park Event noise levels could usefully be added.

Treasurer's Report:

The two account totals: £34,544.00 & 12947.87

The 8 planned Park Benches are all now fully paid up.

DL will pursue repayment for the paint used on the Park railings along Norwood Road.

Park Benches:

SW & LM: the bases for the 8 new benches are being installed, though there seems to have been some alteration in the specifications. They found that the actual benches had not been ordered yet. **Action:** SW & LM have now remedied that, they hope.

Park Liaison:

LM found that some of the newly planted trees had not been mulched or watered; with the dry April, they are very dry. She drew the attention of Mike Penney to this. LM has booked a room in Brockwell Hall for tea after the Tree-Planting ceremony in June.

Newsletter:

AS discussed the need for its Committee to meet soon, so as to have the Summer edition ready for the Lambeth Country Show.

AOB: none

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Next Meeting: Monday, 19th June.