

Minutes of the Friends of Brockwell Park committee meeting on Sept 18th 2017, 7.30 pm, at Norwood Lodge

Members present: Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair; Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary; Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter; Sandra Watts (SW), Benches; Alice Playle (AP); Edward Lavender (EL).

Apologies: Noshir Patel (NP), Secretary; Laura Morland (LM), Parks Liaison; Alice Salisbury (AliceS), Montage.

Attending: Madeleine Boomgaarden (MB), Website Manager.

Minutes of meeting July 10th 2017 (*no meeting Aug 2017*): approved and signed off by PB.

Matters Arising:

*Those from July carried forward from June 19th matters arising (i.e. NP to do bullet list of issues to be raised with councillors, plus a list of dates when they hold their surgeries. PB to talk to Ann re Events Team and to Fusion re bollards/ chevrons. DL/NP to circulate further notes from away day.

Also Item 7. On July's agenda.. Arrangements for Norwood Lodge tidy-up.

Action: to be carried forward for action by the various parties.

*The new Park Leaflets: not completed. **Action:** DL will follow up with AliceS

*EL's points re Park conditions raised at the July PMT meeting: no remedies yet, because the Park Managers are waiting for the appropriate time in late Autumn.

*Go-Ape: FOBP reserves its position statement pending publication of the organizers' published application. EL visited the Battersea Park & Alexandra Palace installations, and observed that: the footprint of the installations extended several metres out into the Parks, and was covered by wood shavings; the whole areas were threaded by dirt pathways carved out within the installations; the trees were disfigured by platforms built around their trunks and by battens secured around the trunks at the sites of rope & wire attachments; there were numerous aerial walkways and Tarzan-like swinging equipment with associated take-off ramps; garish and ugly ticket offices and food sales shacks; both installations were at the terminal ends of large, dense belts of woodland, and occupied only a fraction of their extent. Brockwell Park is smaller than these other Parks, and has no equivalent wooded areas.

Website: see below.

Fixed Business:

1. Website:

a). MB reported that she had met the FOBP website committee (DL, NP, AG) and had implemented changes.

b). MB has set up a volunteer request notice on the Herne Hill Forum web.

c). MB has started an online Newsletter, but looks to the Committee to help provide items. The mailing list for the Newsletter was discussed. **Action:** AG will try to obtain Keith Fitchett's old 2,000 name list as a baseline; and will find out what Gal has done already in this respect.

d). MB wonders what can populate the space left by the Benches section on the website, now that FOBP no longer has a role in their provision. Ideas were

suggested, such as uploading the Minutes, The Constitution, an Adverse Events log; but no decision made.

The Committee thanked MB for her work in co-ordinating the responses to the SUNFALL Event.

Action: PB will follow the SUNFALL Event up, making a report on this year's Event, and incorporating his last year's report for a combined Press release.

2. Lambeth County Show feedback. Generally agreed that it was a success, and that our presence there is necessary, despite the fact that a large % of attendees are from out-of-area. Our dissatisfaction with our current display stands was universal. An earlier start to advance preparations for the Show in future years was agreed.

Action: The Committee will start discussing 2018 LCS preparations in Feb, and buy better display stands.

The Committee thanked MB for once again organizing our whole LCS presence.

3. The AGM.

a). DL presented the annual accounts for advance Committee review. They were approved and signed off by PB.

Action: They will now be signed off by our accountant, Sally-Anne Jeffries, before presentation at the AGM. DL will buy a present for Ms Jeffries in thanks for her voluntary work for FOBP.

The Committee thanked DL for his continuing thorough and reliable work as Treasurer.

b). Proposal for a Constitutional Amendment to cover FOBP Committee Member liability, a problem raised initially by a potential Committee Member who was put off by this problem. AG stated that since FOBP does not own nor rent property; nor has any employees; nor is involved in any major projects; and already has public liability insurance, there is "minimal" risk to individual Members.

Action: AG will produce a digest of the three legal opinions which she has obtained. MB will find out from the concerned individual mentioned above, precise details about his misgivings.

c). Nominations to the FOBP Committee for next year.

Action: PB will ascertain the intentions of all 11 existing Members for publication 21 days before the AGM.

d). The new AGM date is Sunday October 29th. NP has booked Brockwell Hall for this date.

4. PIL, CIL & 106 Monies and the Brockwell Park development list. **Action:**

Consideration deferred to next Committee Meeting.

5. The Autumn Walk. October 8th has been cancelled, because AG has had an offer from the RSPB to do a Bird Walk, on a date to be arranged. (The RSPB has also offered to conduct a Spring Dawn Chorus walk in Brockwell Park)

Action: AG will aim for a date, probably November 12th for the Autumn Walk. She will also follow up the Spring Walk offer.

Reports:

Chair: PB thanked everyone for their contributions to a successful series of 6 Car Boot sales, which generated a record revenue.

Vice-Chair:

*AS thanked PB for his excellent Lambeth History talk of Sept 17th.

*AS said that Roy Vickery of the SLBI has offered to do a New Year Plant Hunt.

Action: PB will discuss potential dates with Roy.

*The recent Park Management Team meeting discussed

a).SUNFALL damage, and that the benches will be replaced and resealed.

b).Go-Ape, but no proposal has been submitted yet.

Treasurer: **Action:** DL will circulate the month's updated figures.

Secretary: absent, no report submitted.

Parks Liaison: absent, no report submitted.

Newsletter Committee: **Action:** to be discussed at next meeting.

AOB: MB reported that the Lido will act as a repository and lend out service for the outdoor Ping-Pong table, subject to clarification of details.

Meeting closed 9:45pm.

Next meeting October 9th 2017.