

Minutes of the Friends of Brockwell Park committee meeting on October 9th 2017, 7.30 pm, at Norwood Lodge

Members attending: Peter Bradley (PB), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (AS), Vice-Chair; Noshir Patel (NP), Secretary; Dean Littler (DL), Treasurer; Antonia Gross (AG), Membership Secretary; Laura Morland (LM), Parks Liaison; Michael Boyle (MB), Newsletter; Sandra Watts (SW); Edward Lavender (EL).

Apologies: Alice Salisbury (ASa); Alice Playle (AP).

Attending: Ann Kingsbury (AK), Chair, Brockwell Park Community Partners.

Minutes of September 18, 2017: read and approved; signed off by PB.

Matters arising:

- * Lobbying Lambeth councillors: AP has provided list of Councillors addresses and emails. **Action:** NP to provide bullet point list for use in this exercise.
- * Car Park arrangements: **Action:** now abandoned, as no longer deemed useful.
- * Norwood Lodge clean-up: **Action:** this will start when the Community Payback squad and its equipment vacates the Lodge.
- * Park Leaflets. **Action:** they have now been composed and formatted by ASa. The committee the product was pleased with the result; minor adjustments were suggested and agreed, and the decision made for an initial print run of 4,000 for the generic leaflet and for 500 of the membership forms. Colour differentiation between the information sheets and the membership forms was agreed. DL suggested a 50-50 cost split between ASa and FOBP (though ASa had already volunteered to pay the whole cost herself). The Committee made a formal vote of thanks to ASa in recognition of her work and of her offer of financial underpinning of the project.
- * Website: **Action:** Gal has been in touch with Keith Fitchett, but there is an unresolved problem of server incompatibility, which is in process of being sorted out.
- * Sunfall report: **Action:** PB is keen to complete and publicise his report.
- * Autumn walk due to take place on October 8 was cancelled; PB went to Clock Tower to tell those who turned up. RSPB offer to do autumn birds walk on November 12 was received enthusiastically.
- * New Year Plant hunt with Roy Vickery: **Action:** PB will contact Roy.
- * Annual Accounts: **Action:** the Committee voted formal thanks to Sally Anne Jeffries; DL circulated a card of thanks, which all members signed; DL will also send flowers.
- * DL has circulated the outcome of the financial discussions of the 2017 Away Day.
- * The proposed list of Brockwell Park projects to be funded by CIL money which Lambeth Parks has circulated: **Action:** approved by the Committee, with the added suggestions
 - a). that an electrical outlet on the hard stand opposite the Playground be installed, so that the diesel-powered icecream vans are not left running and polluting the area;

- b). that composting be provided for the recently-planted trees;
- c). that a sail-type cover be purchased for the outdoor theatre stage opposite the entrance to Brockwell Hall. Further **Action**: PB will write to Susy Hogarth about this.

Fixed Business:

Norwood Lodge. AK spoke to matters arising:

- a). BPCP had agreed to the Community Payback scheme personnel using the Lodge, in order to have them paint the railings along the Norwood Road, and to do some work around the Lodge. These objectives have been attained, there have been problems arising from their use of the Lodge. They will be leaving the Lodge at the beginning of November.
- b). FOBP and BPCP had originally agreed each to pay £100 p.a. for the running costs of the Lodge. AK suggested that this sum should be reviewed and a 'sinking fund' be established for the internal repairs for which we all may be liable. The Council has not dealt yet with roof leaks, which are causing internal damp spots, so there is no point in redecorating these areas now. For the rest, the internal aspects of the Lodge are satisfactory, and will look better when the Payback equipment is removed from the equipment room, where more shelving from the attic offices in Brockwell Hall can then be installed.
- c). Vandal damage to the outside of the Lodge was mentioned, and CCTV camera surveillance was suggested. This was rejected as impractical, and legally difficult; and, as AG reported, had failed to solve the vandalism problem at the Community Greenhouses. **Action**: a). Committee agreed to increased maintenance payments as needed; b). Committee thanked AK for her attendance and report.

AGM: on 29 October 2017.

1. Nominations: the present Committee members will all stand again, except for SW, who is resigning, leaving 5 Officers and between 3 and 5 serving Members to stand again. The committee thanked Sandra for her contributions down the years.
2. **Action**: PB will approach John Brunton to run the election.
3. The Committee thanks Madeleine Boomgaarden for the colourful email which she has sent around alerting members to the date. **Action**: DL will ask her to send another email, in order to help ensure a quorum.

Reports:

Chair: Pegasus Opera Company of Brixton has enquired about staging an opera in Brockwell Park next Summer. PB gave the organisers an enthusiastic response.

Vice-Chair: a). Newsletter stuffing will be at Norwood Lodge from 9.30 am on Saturday, November 18.

b). a new contributor has volunteered to interview councillors for the Newsletter.

Secretary: a). NP will start sending out invitations for stalls at the Winter Fayre, and will liaise with Lara Mifsud.

b). NP will investigate the details of the massage stall application. c). NP gave notification of the forthcoming Park Management Team and Lambeth Parks Forum meetings.

Treasurer: a).DL gave details of the Accounts: £25,722 and £12,947; a sum of about £3000 is awaiting disbursement for the Walled Garden Bird statue, although a second quote for installing it has not been supplied yet. **Action:** LM will contact Kevin Wallace and Mike Penney about this.

b). DL gave totals for the past 2 years Car Boot sales: for 2017, £2720.12 and for 2016, £2800.45.

Park Liaison: a). LM reported that it seems that Lambeth Parks will not continue the Benches programme, but that she will investigate further, and include the offer for FOBP to resume the task.

b). Tree-planting plans have been delayed on account of absence of various personnel. **Action:** LM and AG will pursue this matter.

c). both Brockwell Park and the Greenhouses have been awarded 'Silver Gilt' awards by the London In Bloom organisation. The Committee congratulated LM and AG for their work to attain these awards. There was discussion on how to improve on them. It was noted that the fountain in the Walled Garden is still not working, which allows an unattractive scummed water surface to persist. **Action:** LM will liaise with Kevin Wallace in order to try to get this fixed.

AOB:

MB reported that in contrast to last year, the Brockwell Lido Users AGM was an amicable affair.

The FOBP Committee Christmas Dinner was discussed, and several alternative venues and dates proposed. EL will forward the Brockwell Park Watch Adverse Events Log to PB for his perusal, with a view to sending it on to Madeleine Boomgaarden for posting on the Web.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Next meeting: Monday November 20 at Norwood Lodge at 7.00 pm... please note!