

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF BROCKWELL PARK, May 21st 2018, NORWOOD LODGE, 7.00PM

Members present: Peter Bradley (**PB**), Chair; Adam Steinhouse (**AS**) Vice-Chair; Noshir Patel, (**NP**) Secretary; Laura Morland, (**LM**), Parks Liaison; Michael Boyle (**MB**), Newsletter; Alice Playle (**AP**); Edward Lavender (**EL**), Scribe.

Apologies: Dean Littler (**DL**), Treasurer; Antonia Gross (**AG**) Membership Secretary; Ania Tomaszewski-Nelson, (**AT**), Observer, Artist

Observer: Rebecca Collins (**RC**), Artist.

Reference to: Keith Fitchett (**KF**), Web payments and membership manager; Madeleine Boomgaarden (**MaB**) Website content and Social Media presence: Alice Salisbury (**ASa**), literature formatting, montage & printing; originator & manager of Brockwell Park Tranquillity website; Ajay Jochi (**AJ**), Lambeth Parks Tree Officer; Lara Mifsud-Bonici (**LaM**), Parks Officer-Parks & Open Spaces Development; Kevin Crook (**KC**), Head of Neighbourhoods in Lambeth Parks Landscape Structure.

Minutes of April 16th 2018.

Amendment to 6 b. in Reports: AP for DL. The Minutes were then signed off as correct by PB.

Matters Arising.

The notice which AP has created for the Walled Garden is now in place.

Fixed Business.

1. RC gave an illustrated presentation of her conception of an abstract interlocking plane sculpture, 40x50x60 cm in size; multi-coloured and evoking her impression of the Brockwell Park ambience. Discussion favoured the option of mild steel construction, rust-proofed, and varnished to reduce vandal attack. RC envisaged its display in three different areas in the Park over a 4-month period. **Action:** FoBP welcomed the project, and voted to contribute £200.00 towards the cost. RC will discuss sites with the Parks authorities.
2. The 'Field Day/Mighty Hoopla' Event:
 - a. ASa has circulated a detailed brief which will be submitted to the Judicial Review which she has been preparing for, and to which PB referred in discussion.
 - b. LM said that AJ is to be involved in tree protection, which, given the limitations of Park staff manpower, the Event Organizers will have to implement.
 - c. FoBP declines to accept the invitation, reported by AS to come from Fred Cowell, Councillor for Thurlow Park, to join the pre-Event walkabout looking at the total installation. FoBP feels that participation would signal its approval of the Event. This is absolutely contrary to its position on the Event.
 - d. By the same token, FoBP will refuse to accept any donation by the Event from its 'Field Day Community Fund'
 - e. MB raised the matters of:
 - * Photographic documentation of any damage done by the Event. **Action:** It was agreed that MB & EL would cover the site photographically in the immediate future

(the Organizers are already on site, and erecting barriers). MB & EL will do the same at the end of the Event.

* A poster campaign asking for resident's feedback through Social Media. **Action:** It was agreed that FoBP should organize this after the Event. PB will formulate text based on suggestions already submitted by MB; and RC will design the poster. PB will ask MaB to post an invitation on the website for before- and after-Event comments and photos. FoBP will work with ASa & Tranquillity to collate all relevant useful evidence.

3. Clearout of FoBP material from Brockwell Hall. A large amount has been transferred to Norwood Lodge, and needs sorting, for either retention or disposal. A large number of old books remain at the Hall, unattractive now and hard to disperse usefully.

Action: A volunteer team from FoBP Committee will meet on May 26th to effect the Norwood Lodge sorting. PB will write to LaM to effect disposal of the books, as she has already offered in relation to do with whatever is left at the Hall.

4. Carboot Sale for June 10th. Personnel identified.

5. June 17th Tree Celebration. The new Mayor (identity not known yet) will attend. AS will meet and greet him on arrival in the Park.

LM noted that there is still one tree available for donor uptake. It is already planted and doing well. **Action:** LM will ask MaB to advertise it on the web. If still outstanding, it will be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

6. Horticultural Volunteering: LM reports that KC wants FoBP input in order to help achieve Gold in the next Green Flag competition. An enthusiastic volunteer community is one aspect the judges consider. A volunteer co-ordinator working two days a week is to be appointed to Lambeth Parks.

With this in view, and mindful that the judges in the competition will value a coherent programme, LM has presented FoBP with a document on her ideas for a valid volunteer scheme. She identifies eight projects in the Walled Garden (such as mulching and gravelling), and three outside the Walled Garden for volunteer activities. LM notes that FoBP input will be needed in the form of onsite presence for organization and guidance; and for financial support (see Treasurer's Report below); Also, Lambeth would have to provide money for materials. **Action:** PB will write to KC with this proposal, and underline the need for the funding. LM will put up notices in the Walled Garden advertising the current Thursday volunteer day and its activities.

7. The General Data Protection Regulation Act, due to come into force on May 25 2018. KF will provide a FoBP Data Protection Policy.

KF and LM have provided a list of issues and problems yet to be solved. They believe that as long as sincere intention and progress is shown, the authorities will grant FoBP leeway. **Action:** KF, LM, MaB AS and NP will continue to work on the issues. PB, again, thanked KF on behalf of the Committee for the time and expertise on IT and regulatory issues which he is giving to FoBP

8. Drug Users in the Toilets. AP suggested provision of Sharps bins for needles and syringes there. **Action:** to be referred to the Park Management Team.

9. Donation collection boxes. AP has researched the area. There are cardboard ones as 7 for £22.00, or plastic or metal ones. PB expressed commitment to ecological concerns, and the cardboard option: agreed by the Committee. **Action:** first we will see what there may be in the materials brought down from Brockwell Hall (see 3. Above)

10. Trustees. **Action:** PB to investigate the matter: can Trustees be limited to Office-

Holders, or do all Committee Members have to be Trustees?

11. Standing Items.

- a. Events Strategy: AS noted that there are 15 new Councillors. FoBP needs to plan for a new approach to the Council in view of this.
- b. Brockwell Hall HLF bid. Despite being turned down at its recent, and second bid Lambeth did get positive feed-back, and will apply again.

Reports

Chair: no report

Vice-Chair: * distribution of Newsletters to local shops. Thanks to EL & MB.

*noted the detailed report by Roy Vickery of the January 2018 New Year Plant Hunt in Brockwell Park. He is a member of the South London Botanical Institute and conducted this in cooperation with the Friends of Brockwell Park, and he reported it in the *SLBI Gazette*. He hopes to repeat this exercise next year.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: presented by PB. Main account: £27,382.87 (May Carboot sales of £346.45 not included); Second account: £12,877.00; Paypal account: £16. Commitments of £200 to the Bird installation in the Walled Garden; £500 to Parks Liaison for the Walled Garden; £250 to Sixteen Feet for its Summer Walled Garden play.

Parks Liaison: no report.

AOB:

1. NP reports that the web domain brockwellpark .org is not working. Others noted that brockwellpark.com is working, so that the former, now owned by a third party, is no longer needed.
2. EL asked for clarification of the position of Observers. It was agreed that they should be included in distribution of the Draft Minutes, and of all e-mail communications.

Meeting ender 9.15pm

Next Meeting June 18th, 7pm at Norwood Lodge.