

Friends of South Park Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 29th 2016

- Attendees:** Andy Jones (AJ), Dianne Imthurn (DI), Clair Gordon (CG), Sue Gahan, (SG), Louise Barton (LB), Priscilla Ladha (PL), Amadhou, Sweder Van Iterson (SVI), Sean Gibbons (SB), Caroline David (CD), Julian Bray (JB)
- Apologies:** Gloria Guy (GG), Jaimie Lester (JL), Alex Kennaugh (AK), Teo Catino (TC), Justin Kandiah (JK)

All Actions arising from the last meeting were completed except for:

Outstanding Action: CG to speak with council re International Bicycle Polo Tournament and get initial approval from council.

Outstanding Action: DI to let Committee know as and when they need soil.

Outstanding Action: AJ and CG to meet with DP in 2 weeks time re taking care of cricket pavilion. CG to schedule the meeting

Halloween

Those present at Halloween event reported that the event was a big success and even better attended than the previous year.
£1,025.00 has been deposited into the bank account from Haus for the sponsorship. It was noted that Jamie has now left haus so new sponsorship may need to be found for Halloween 2017.

Rugby

It was agreed to keep to one Rugby pitch only and to look into the possibility of having Junior Pitches marked out in the NW corner field. **Action: CG to let Hammersmith & Fulham Rugby Club know of the decision.**

Mess left by Footballers

It was noted by several members that the people hiring the football pitches leave a real mess every Saturday and Sunday. **Action: CG to flag up with Quadron**

Christmas Trees

CG reported that she had a deal going with the Christmas Tree man at St Matthews Church with a small % being donated to South Park if FOSP quoted when purchasing. This has been mailed out to the Friends Group.

SITA Biodiversity / Ecology Corner

CG reported that herself and Dianne had met Heather Marsh the Council Officer who is project managing the garden and Pauline. Project to start pre Christmas.

CG showed Committee the signage and all happy with it. It will be a lectern style sign. **Action: CG to chase for start date of project**

Pathways

CG updated Committee that the council had given £70k for some pathway repairs – CG showed map of worst affected areas – because of John Banbridges petition. Current status is that repairs are out to tender due to be completed by Spring.

Community Market Garden

LB and SG reported the following:

- Pete has been a great volunteer help in the garden
- Would like community to harvest herbs & veg. Maybe a sign would help?
- Would like a sign for all the herbs & veg
- Would be good to get Tideway in again to tidy far corner / compost area
- That the trees are better off left in situ for the moment
- LB to speak with Pauline re trimming the prickly bush on the Settrington Rd wall

Actions: CG to look into getting matching sign for Community Garden as Ecology Garden

Action: Caroline to make individual signs with the kids for the herbs and veg. SG to advise list of names required

Action: Sean to contact Tideway

Action: CG to send out an e-mail re using the herbs and veg. SG to draft

Howdens Joinery Fulham has kindly donated £300 for wood and stuff to build raised beds. Wood has been ordered and SG will build soon.

Action: CG to speak with Quadron re delivery into yard

Bees & Honey

Dianne & Clair have processed the honey and have 30 small jars. Taking orders for who wants what. Will give a few as gifts ie quadron,

Committee took vote and voted to charge £10 per pot.

It was noted that the Bee Man (Mike) has been taking it upon himself to cut down parts of the garden. **Action: DI to have a nice word**

Need to look into who we can get to take over from Mike in the future.

Action: DI to speak with Bee Collective re potentials. CG to speak with the British Beekeepers Associations and the admin@lbka.org.uk which is the London branch

Changing Rooms

CG updated that BAM had offered one of their contractors Muck Away to do most of the job of removing the derelict building for free.

CG presented the architects plans for the refurbishment of the changing rooms and Ahmadou said this looked like a good design that would work practically. Someone mentioned that the showers were too small ie not enough.

Action: Next step to get structural engineer plans, draft a scope of works and get a builder to quote with a timing plan

Cricket Pavilion

CG updated the Committee that she has made contact with Spencer Cricket Club, The Rotary Club and a local businessman keen to investment in setting up a Fulham Cricket Club. Ullash Head of Parks & Leisure is also keen for this. ECB, MCB and Chance to Shine are also keen to invest. Next step is costing up and getting keys to Pavilion. **Action: CG to put all this info into a presentation for all to share**

Sport Bookings

CG requested permission to spend £800 on a feasibility study by the Institute of Groundsmanship into whether or not they believe South Park could sustain itself if the Sports Bookings came in house and the courts and playing fields were leased to and controlled by the Friends of South Park and a management team.

There was a majority vote to proceed with this.

CG is visiting The Friends of Brook Green who have currently done this as well as Hurlingham Park who are also considering this action.

There has also been dialogue with Peter Craig head groundsman of the Hurlingham Club who has kindly offered advisory input.

Sweder noted that this should be a worst case scenario study. Priscilla was not that keen.

Outdoor Gym

Jules would like to get the outdoor gym up and running next to the Cricket nets. This would need a funding of £30-£40k. **Action: Jules to look into this and speak with**

Jardine

Walking Football

Agewell would like to introduce Walking Football into this area of borough. Jolof will look to help with coaches for the game if they would like to set something up in South Park.

Picnic in the Park 2017

The date has been set for Saturday 10th June, 2017. We need to look for a new sponsor as Jamie is no longer at haus properties. Suggested we look for a bigger sponsor to cover stage and music costs. **Action: All to have a thing who we could approach**

Action: Caroline to start speaking to local business to build up a good shopping experience this year and to look into costs of table and cover.

AOB

Andy noted that it was time for us to get a decent annual insurance policy to cover all events and any volunteer activities such as market garden. This was agreed by all.

Action: AJ to look into options

Andy suggested that we could buy a stage with the money in the account. We could then hire the stage out to make more income from it. **Action: Andy to look into cost of stage. CG to look into getting a donation / grant for a stage.**

Next Meeting

The meetings set for the first half of 2017 are as follows and will be held at Dianne's house, 48 Settrington Road:

Tuesday 10th January

Wednesday 22 Feb

Tuesday 4th April

Wednesday 17th May

Tuesday 27th June

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