



Friends of Broomfield Park

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AGM & Open Meeting on 1 October 2018

Present

32 attendees

Apologies

Labour Councillors

Helen Blairman (late)

Sue Younger (late)

AGM

Chairman's welcome

Chris Kaufman welcomed everyone, gave safety notice and opened the meeting

Presentation of Audited Accounts 31.03.18

Zahir Anwar presented. Approved. Request to revert to previous presentation format was discussed; current format to remain.

Election of Officers

Co-chairs - Kim Lumley and Chris Kaufman - nominated, seconded and elected unopposed
 Treasurer - Zahir Anwar - nominated, seconded and elected unopposed
 Secretary - Kate Mabey - nominated, seconded and elected unopposed
 Re-election of committee members, unanimous and unopposed:
 Don Arthur Helen Blairman Sue Cook Ivor Evans David March Sue Younger Co-opted representative from the Conservatory Group
 Noted that the committee has 2 vacancies.

Notification of resignation

Sarah Cotton from the Palmers Greenery Cafe has resigned from the committee A vote of thanks was recorded for her tireless work in the park , in particular for setting up the community cafe.

Proposed changes to constitution	<p>Kim Lumley explained the changes which are:</p> <p>3.2 Membership fee dropped last year and to remain</p> <p>5.4 Clarification of existing point.</p> <p>7.1 Change to AGM timing</p> <p>Section 12 - statement of equality and diversity - decision to remove 'gender realignment' and replace with 'gender'</p> <p>These changes were passed unanimously</p> <p>The AGM was completed and Open Meeting commenced</p>	
The Park-an overview	<p>Kim Lumley presented a slide show illustrating aspects of the park and the work of the volunteers.</p> <p>Exhibition "Hidden Treasures' at the Dugdale Centre was promoted and membership urged to attend. Exhibition has been extended to April 2019. Patrick Samuel, a local artist, is exhibiting his art influenced by the park.</p> <p>Also discussed:</p> <p>Orchard - positives alongside ASB; Apiary; Hedgerow planting; bulb and whips planting; reed bed planting.</p> <p>Committee answered related questions as and when they occurred.</p> <p>Very positive support from the floor.</p>	
Moving Broomfield Park forward	<p>David March outlined findings and suggestions made by RA Arts students recently - particularly focussing on image (new logo has been suggested) and social media input. Friends are looking for member/s with expertise in social media to join them.</p> <p>Money streams came into the Friends funds through Palmers Green Festival, Blues in the Park and Talkies.</p> <p>4not24 campaign was discussed and members from it have linked in to the Friends to form a new sub group - Friends of Broomfield Park Events Working Group. Everyone is keen to ensure that Enfield Council consults the park users through the Friends, especially around middle sized and large commercial activities.</p> <p>The campaign against the 24 day funfair helped to give the Friends the stimulus to establish a meaningful working relationship with the council. A meeting was held with Hakima from the Business Unit and a second meeting is scheduled for 17 October.</p> <p>The council has agreed in future to consult re medium sized events.</p> <p>Further action - a survey of park users on the Festival Day and some Sundays in the park gave 100 responses. Findings to be discussed and presented.</p>	DM KL HB CK

<p>The Playground</p>	<p>Vanessa Goodfellow presented an account of frustrations and successes of this group.</p> <p>Whilst having the 'full support' of the council, the group have been unable to see council members with responsibility for laygrounds.</p> <p>They are looking for a coherent design which meets the need of user groups and uses materials approved by the Council i.e. not wood or natural materials....</p> <p>Local parent is drawing up plans for Broomfield Village, a plan which will link equipment together.</p> <p>Then the plan will be submitted to get a fully costed and approved strategy.</p> <p>The meeting attendees were aware of the need to improve the play equipment in the park and were fully supportive and appreciative of the work being done by a small group of mums and members from the Friends committee.</p>	<p>ZA</p>
<p>Boating Club</p>	<p>Agreed need to press council on the unsatisfactory condition of boating pond and next steps, especially as this is the centenary of Broomfield Boating Club which meets in the park on Sundays. Graeme ? is keen to offer workshops on model boat making and a suggestion was made that the Bowling Club might be suitable for this.</p>	<p>KL DM</p>
<p>Handbook for Broomfield Park</p>	<p>A contact in the Council is needed to look into this and other matters.</p> <p>Kim and David will work with Graeme.</p>	<p>IE</p>
<p>Broomfield House</p>	<p>This is in process and will be placed on the website.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Colin Younger gave an update on proposed sale of House and Stableyard by Council as its last hope.</p> <p>Disappointment and sadness expressed that it has come to this after the years and years of work by the Trust.</p> <p>Karl Brown suggested that Events sub group might ask council if they have plans for Broomfield Park.</p> <p>ASB and vandalism was mentioned as an increasing concern.</p>	<p>IE</p> <p>KM/ KL</p>
<p>Priorities for 2019</p>	<p>Burger Van - selling food completely out of step with Enfield's Healthy Eating policy. Annoyance and disappointment expressed by the meeting about this and also about the van being parked permanently in the park.</p> <p>Agreed that Friends should write to Business Unit expressing unanimous concern about this and about the disposal of its litter in bins around the park even though the agreement states that this will be removed by the vendor..</p>	<p>DM</p>

	<p>Wetlands - Planning committee have not approved the plans and ignored our letter of support. Strong letter of objection to be written.</p>	
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Remembrance Service	Friday 9 November at 11.00am	
Next meeting	Monday 28 January 2019, Ruth Winston Centre	
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