

FRIENDS OF LORDSHIP REC:

Notes of Monthly meeting, 5th December 2021

PRESENT: Alyson, Catherine, Joan, Caroline, Patience, Nina, Xuwenhan **APOLOGIES:** Dave, Dan

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH November 2021: These were agreed with one correction. Under Woodland section: Catherine had already spoken to Aurora, as they were introduced by Carola at the Hub. Catherine is now waiting to hear back from Aurora.

UPDATES ON FRIENDS PROJECTS

Moselle Brook: Caroline is working closely now with John Miles, convenor of the Haringey Rivers Forum in the hope that we can progress what was agreed at our September meeting with Haringey and Ebsford, the maintenance contractors, regarding next steps for maintenance and a training session for volunteers which we have requested to take place in February. We keep pushing for real dialogue.

John Miles is proposing with statutory bodies and Thames 21 that a larger research project is commissioned to “scope” the Moselle Brook, and at a very well attended Haringey Rivers Forum meeting on 29th November there seemed to be some real support for this.

Orchard. The January Wassail will not go ahead because of the uncertainty over Covid and gatherings. Sally has been working on a series of training workshops to develop skills relevant to the Orchard – pruning, coppicing and grafting. She is intending to put in an application to the Haringey People Need Parks funding stream (applications limited to £1K). Everyone was supportive of the proposal for practical skills workshops, and the application. We would need to ensure that people who are keen on volunteering in Orchard and who had expressed an interest in practical volunteering (through our questionnaire) could apply. Joan suggested that we should look again at whether practical skills training could be put into a Lottery bid. One suggestion was to consider different levels of training in practical skills, e.g beginners and more advanced.

Woodland. The group had recently spent two days laying woodchip on the path and there would be another session on 11th December to finish the job. Catherine had asked the park staff to deal with a collapsed dead tree in the north west corner of the wood which had been pulled by ivy over the Higham road path.

Bulb planting in the Woodland. Caroline and Collette with Catherine’s help, had organised bulb planting of native woodland species on 4th December and were really pleased that two families had joined in. We had learnt a lot about the practicalities of organising the activity and now the groundwork such as risk assessment is completed we can plan earlier and publicise more next year.

Lake. Caroline had written to Alex Fraser to tell him what waders we have available to him although we don’t know when he might come to inspect the trees on the island. Joan hopes to get notice so she can meet with him.

FORTHCOMING PROJECTS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Shell Theatre and Freestyle Area. Dan was unable to be at the meeting but he and Shell Performing Arts Collective, had circulated a design for the repainting of the Shell Theatre. SPAC would be applying for People Need Parks funding for this project, which if successful would be delivered early in 2022 and they were seeking feedback from the Friends (and also other stakeholder groups through the LRUF). Overall those present at the meeting found the Art Deco design very exciting and cheerful, but with the proviso that the colours needed to be toned down a bit as the bright contrasts would be distracting during performances and might cause visual disturbance. This would be fed back to Dan and SPAC.

Interpretation boards. Dave was unable to be at the meeting, but wanted to propose that for 2022 the Friends work on getting an interpretation board project ready for any funding which becomes available, potentially through the regeneration work on Broadwater Farm. He suggests that we start with a survey of the current boards. Joan reminded us that she has already done initial work on funding for interpretation boards. It was agreed that we should do more work on an interpretation board/signage project and generate some ideas on how it might be done differently to attract funding. One idea might be interpretation boards as you leave the Rec about the surrounding areas.

Park Run: Negotiations are continuing between Haringey Parks Service and the Park Run group. Hopefully will start in March or April.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Feedback from Practical Co-ordination meeting:

We requested again that the fences be removed from around the Oak Circle (this has now been done).

The contractors who had resurfaced the Loop Track had advised Haringey that they would need to factor in regular maintenance because the surface was thin in places.

The need for establishing a policy and facilities for green waste composting within the Rec had been discussed and Dave was picking up whether any previous work had been done on this.

Stuart Hopking was moving to another job within Haringey and would no longer be involved with Lordship Rec and the Lordship Rec Users Forum. The Friends had expressed their thanks to him.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Friends AGM will need to take place at the **February 6th** meeting.

Funding applications: Those applying for funding were reminded that no expenditure should be undertaken until written agreement was received from funders that funding would be granted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Sunday 9th January 2022.