

FRIENDS OF LORDSHIP REC

Minutes of meeting, 1st May 2022

Present: Catherine, Nina, Dave, Violet, Louise O, Pamela (+ Josiah) **Apologies:** Caroline, Joan, Dan B, Sally

1. Minutes of last meeting (In March) – agreed.

2. Minutes of AGM (in April) – being compiled. We noted a good turnout, reports, film show, food and discussion.

3. Friends activities / updates:

Woodland: Regular Friends and occasional TCV volunteer sessions (2 this month) continue to woodchip paths, cut back some ivy on west side, clear out stream and cut back dogwood.

Orchard: Around 30 kids attended kite-making workshop.. Sessions to maintain trees continue.

Lake: Condition survey has been completed (arranged by Council nature conservation officer [NCO]). Less silt than expected. NCO and Friends to develop options for further improvements, including for the island.

River: Onsite meeting held – around 12 attended from Friends, Council (Chris Patterson), Haringey Rivers Forum {HRF} and Thames 21. Looked at tweaking and extending the current Ebsford maintenance contract to include grille clearance, possible silt collector feature in silt pond, and volunteer days (with HRF's new Water Squad). Tree officer to look at thinning self-seeded willows. Caroline did write up. Caroline held follow up meeting with NCO, HRF and Chris Patterson, including planning a walkabout on July 7th re Water Squad activities. Grille had been cleared and water level dropped dramatically.

Shell Theatre: Mural planned. All permissions in place. Dave to chase up Council to ensure no admin costs.

Litterpicking group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Lots of volunteers.

Craft activity: Joan and Nina did a kids craft session at Easter.

Flower and Produce Show: Joan has applied for Lottery funding our annual show (Sept 10th?). Theme this year will be sustainability and climate change.

Interpretation Boards: We plan to renew them all, and add extra ones (eg for orchard, spinney, history, and clouds) if we can get funding. Joan is applying to the Council.

Conservation Action Plan: We had our third and last meeting with TCV and the NCO to finalise the text etc. Its nearly completed (just needs the Friends Areas of Management table added).

4. Related activities:

Harmony Gardens: Louise reported that Friends of Harmony Gardens held a successful AGM – Ruth (the Chair) presented her annual report – Louise to circulate. Have a part time worker for the moment (Christine). Lots of volunteering in the garden and hope to expand from Tuesdays and Fridays to Sundays also. Lease negotiations continue. The Friends of Lordship Rec food growing

project (coordinated by Paulette and Joan) on Broadwater Farm estate balconies has now been publicly launched with a successful event. It is hoped that estate residents will now take ownership of it.

Walking Groups: We calculate there are now 7 walking groups holding weekly walks in the Rec, including Storm's one (being going 15 years), Wheelytots, Silverfit, Tottenham Hotspurs and Turkish/Kurdish Womens Group. We agreed at our AGM to do a flyer publicising them all and walking generally (a bit like the cycling one we did 2 years ago).

Tottenham Clouds event and weather station: Tottenham Clouds held a successful meeting to plan the Luke Howard 250th anniversary event at the Hub/Rec on Nov 26/27th. Workshops and talks at the Hub, plus dignitaries cutting ribbons on 27th. Linda will coordinate some children's activities at the Hub on 26th. Another meeting was held to plan the setting up this summer of an educational Luke Howard weather station at the Hub – meanwhile the Hub has a £21k grant for new solar panels on its roof. And Joan and Margaret are designing a clouds interpretation board for the main field. Need to fundraise for all this – have £2k already and need maybe another £3-4k.

ParkRun: The Council have agreed to pay the start up registration fee, so the group is trying to get ready for a launch in the summer, after which it will be every Saturday, 9am.

Trove Market: Pamela from the Trove Market explained that the market has settled into a regular event on 1st Sat of the Month (11-4pm) opposite the Hub. Hub helping with Chairs. But market needs to hire their own stalls so there's a charge to cover costs. Also they lay on free kids activities. This month they are arranging inter-generational crochet activities.

5.Park Maintenance:

Freestyle area: Some cracks now repaired with tarmac.

Back path: Following Dave and a Council officer (Chris Poore) doing a walkabout, it is being replaced (at last!) with a camber to prevent puddling.

Path by woodland: Flooding continues to be an issue despite our ponds in the woodland. The Council are investigating what action they or Thames Water can take.

6.Any Other Business:

Photos: We reaffirmed our policy that if anyone takes any photos at a Friends event it is up to the event organiser to decide if and how they are to be used (eg whether to put them on our facebook page etc). This is especially important regarding any children, where parental permissions are needed.