

FRIENDS OF LORDSHIP REC: MONTHLY MEETING, 4th September 2022

Attending: Caroline Jepson, Joan Curtis, Catherine Collingborn, Nina P, Jane S, Dan B, Sally Haywill, Saba, Alyson B, Rita B

Apologies: Dave Morris

Minutes of meeting on 14th August: These were agreed with one correction: the Woodland workgroup was on 6th, not the 16th, of July.

PROJECT UPDATES

Moselle Brook: The first volunteer session organised through Haringey Rivers Forum and supervised by Thames 21 was successfully held on 20th August. Eight volunteers removed vegetation and rubbish from the stream in an area where it had become choked. As anticipated it was very muddy work. There are two proposed dates for the next two sessions, 29th October and 3rd December but these need to be confirmed with Thames 21.

The recent clearance work by Thames Water in underground pipes in Hornsey and the welcome rainfall has resulted in much clearer water. (Update: Thames Water checked the water on 9th September and ammonia levels remain low).

Discussions continue with Haringey on developing a detailed plan for the management of the willows and confirming the remaining work to be carried out under the current maintenance contract with Ebsford and the details of any renewal of contract.

Lake: Joan and Caroline have been working with Annabel Foskett, Haringey's Conservation Officer, on a bid to the Grow Back Greener fund which has to be submitted by 26th September. The bid focuses on enhancing and creating more shade in the area between the paddling pool and the Lake through tree planting and a pergola structure (final design would be agreed if funding is secured); renewing the greenery on the island and the dipping platform. We have other partner organisations such as Wheely Tots supporting the bid.

Caroline would ask Annabel for advice on dealing with the Water lettuce, which has appeared in the Lake, which is an invasive species and could spread rapidly if the conditions were right.

There are also a huge number of little fish in the Lake at the moment enjoying the algae, so we can expect to see the return of the heron and cormorant to enjoy this food source.

Woodland. A volunteer session had been held on 13th August working on cutting back the roses on the northern edge by the picnic area, removing dogwood, improving sightlines and lots of litterpicking.

A resident of Higham Road whose garden backs onto the wood wants to replace their fence with a wall because of burglaries and foxes. They are seeking permission to bring in a small digger to dig out foundations - this has been referred to Chris Poore at Haringey. Contractors in the Rec have recently damaged the trees and wooden edging of the path in the Lordship wood with their diggers. The contractors have accepted responsibility and are paying for the boards and Haringey TCV will do the work. Obviously, if permission is granted for the householder to

bring a digger into the wood then this will need to be coordinated with the remedial work on the path. The next Woodland work session is on the 17th September.

Orchard: The hosepipe ban from 24th August meant that all the watering had to be done by wheeling water containers on a wheelbarrow, which was very heavy work for the volunteers.

Sally is going to organise an Apple Day event on 30th October between 1.00 and 5.00 pm and has booked a room at the Hub. There will be apple juicing, apple displays, apples cakes, fun apples games and in the Orchard there will be planting of some of the trees that were grafted in the spring. She will make an application to Tottenham Grammar School Foundation for funding. Caroline reminded Friends Co-ordinators that we do have some reserves which can be used for events if funding is not secured elsewhere, but this would need to be agreed with the Friends Core group in advance. j

Shell Theatre and Skatepark. The Open Shell event will take place on 17th September from 12-8pm to celebrate the repainting of the Shell in honour of the Shell Theatre's 90th anniversary. Dan reported that the event is still growing with involvement from many other organisations. There will be Yoga sessions, use of skatepark equipment and guidance provided by Concrete Waves and competitions and giveaways from Tottenham BMX club. Three live acts have confirmed - all from Tottenham. There will be free vegetarian food, an Information stall showing the 90 year history of the Shell and a sound system provided by Felt Sound system who also provided the system at the Haringey Fringe. Two councillors would also be attending to talk about the importance of the Shell as a facility for the area. Dan suggested that the Friends should also having a stall at the event.

Joan offered more gazebos from the Hub if Dan required them.. She also gave Dan the contact for SkateTings. He is looking at using haybales for seating. Alyson explained that at the Fringe the volume of noise from the DJ was very loud, after the performances, so much so that it was difficult to chat. Dan will discuss this with Felt Sound.

It is unfortunate that the BMX track is shut because of large cracks that have developed over the dry summer. Chris Poore has contacted the contractors, Velo solutions, who laid down the surface in March.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEW PROJECTS

Flower and Produce Show: All is ready for the annual event on 10th September. The event will kick-off with registration of items for the competition tent from 8.30. The pre-event workshops that Joan organised for adults and children have been very well attended and generated very good feedback on Facebook.

Sally reported that she had tried to promote the event at the allotment but met with a lot of reluctance because of doubts about the security of items put into the show. There was a discussion on how to respond to these concerns and it was agreed that a message would be put on Facebook, notices would be put in the tent, more volunteers would supervise and that a sharing table would be available for those who wanted to share their edible entries.

Luke Howard 250th anniversary celebrations on 26/27 November : The plan is to run events for children on Saturday 26th and have the speakers on Sunday. Joan has done a design for the cloud watching interpretation board which has been agreed with Haringey, with the addition of their logo. There was a discussion on where to place this board, which it is hoped will be the first of two boards - although having a second board will depend on funds raised. After discussion it was agreed that the first board would go at the top of the hill by the Higham Road entrance, but if we achieve a second board this would go somewhere on the edge of the main field. (Note: GoFundMe Crowdfunder is at £1075 as at 13/9/22)

ParkRun: The start of the ParkRun, which will be held every Saturday, has been delayed because of hold-ups at the ParkRun Central office, rather than local delays.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Caroline has confirmed with Haringey that, if necessary, we can still top up the Lake while there is a hosepipe ban because of the fish living in the Lake.

We are still waiting to hear from Haringey on whether the Oak Circle is free of oak processionary moth and can safely be used by the public.

Sally will chase Chris Poore again about the stiff water tap by the Moselle Silt Pond, which she still cannot turn on. We had understood that some time ago this was on the list of jobs to be actioned by Mitre, but obviously it has not been dealt with.

Any Other Business:

Date of Next Meeting: As so many apologies were given for the 2nd October, this will now be held on **9th October**.