

# Friends of Lordship Rec: Minutes of Monthly meeting, Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

**Present:** Dave, Joan, Nina, Emma (Junior Parkrun), Dan (Friends of Belmont Rec), Sara, Mary, Saba, Chuku

**Apologies:** Caroline, Catherine, Sally

Minutes of Last meeting: Accepted as a true record.

## Belmont Rec

- Report from Dan - establishing a new friends group and advancing plans to improve that park.
- 150 people interested in becoming members.
- Plans (designed by architect member of the group) have been presented for public consultation.
- First meeting this Thursday to launch the group. [Dan to arrange. Dave Morris to attend.]

## Lordship Junior Parkrun for Children

- Junior Parkrun – 2KM - will take place on Sunday mornings, 9am. For ages 4 – 14 yrs. Not a race!
- 9th July trial event. 16<sup>th</sup> July opening event with Mayor to attend.
- All run by volunteers. Use of visual symbols and special sensory effects to ensure inclusivity.
- Volunteers to arrive at 8.30 am. Briefing at 8.45. start at 9.00.
- The Hub will open up early for refreshments and use of toilets.
- Lordship Parkrun and Lordship Junior Parkrun are entirely separate entities. Emma will keep up to date with park events, and promote significant ones on their facebook page. [Emma]

## Lake and River

- Funding received for the Lake Dipping Platform. TCV constructing - not quite finished. Needs gate.
- Joan has had OK from Council for our new interpretation board (designed by her and the Friends).
- Low water levels. Log in lake exposed now – a problem because people can climb onto it and use it to reach island, a dedicated sanctuary for birds. [Chuku use our waders to move it to safer place]
- The River – a recent volunteer session cleared out unwanted new growth in the channel.[Caroline]

## Bioblitz

- The Friends' BioBlitz days in June were a great success. 120 school children attended from Belmont and the Willows on the Friday. Children loved it – hopefully inspired to love insects etc. Well done all our volunteers and experts who helped coordinate it.
- Saturday session not so busy, but lots of experts doing surveys. Will do a report. [Sally and Mike]

## Woodlands

- Green Flag judge awarded the Friends a Green Flag for our excellent management of the site.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – our volunteers worked in the wood
- Wheelytots have started organising weekly kids' Bushcraft sessions in the wood and spinney – they need to liaise with us. [Catherine and Ruth]
- Stream and Pond created by leaking pipe is dry for the first time in 10 years. It seems that the leak has finally been fixed – but may mean no more stream/ pond! [Dave will contact Chris P about it.]
- Picnic area north of the woodland – Litter and overgrown paths need attention. [Dave will discuss with park staff.]

## Notice Boards

- Nina continuing to keep up to date. Problem with cleaning off graffiti/ glue without damaging the screen. [Nina]

### Water bottle filler

- Enough money has been raised to buy a water dispenser.
- Council have agreed to install and connect to water supply when new changing place unit is brought in.
- Meeting agreed to order dispenser and store it until ready to be installed. [Adrienne and Joan]
- It will cost £250 a year to maintain - suggestion that we ask the Parks Service to fund maintenance costs.

### Maintenance and Repairs

- One of the entrance gates is almost impossible to close. [Dave has reported to Alex]
- Advertising on the gates is often not to do with Lordship Rec and causes unsightly clutter.
- Meeting agreed temporary policy that notices on gates and railings are only to be about Lordship Rec. [Dave to discuss with the Parks Service].

### Events

- Shell Performing Arts Collective [SPAC, Dan] held a brilliant 'Open Shell' Skateboard and DJ event in June: a great success. 300-400 people. Serious litter problem after event.
- Blockorama: Fantastic annual event organised by Pan Nation and SPAC [Jacquie and Mark], this year with a Windrush theme – biggest turnout ever! Lots of cars left on grass – luckily grass was dry but only essential vehicles should be allowed to remain.
- Windrush events in the Hub – organised by Janice and Joan: Well attended film and discussion on the Thursday. Followed on Saturday by exhibition and Caribbean food tasters. A great feeling of community. Talk of maintaining future activities throughout the coming year.
- People Need Parks event organised by the Parks Service [Lily] to launch a summer programme of activities around Haringey's parks]: Lots of performances and sports.
- The Tottenham Flower and Produce Show - annual event organised by the Friends [esp Joan and Paulette]. 6 attended the first planning meeting. Will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Lottery turned down funding this year. However, some money left over from last year and £1,000 from the Parks Service. Joan will also apply to Tottenham Grammar School Foundation. We should be able to pull it off again! Volunteers on the day needed - contact Joan nearer the time. For a stall contact Paulette.
- Hub 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Planning a Community Day. [Hub]

### World Cloud Appreciation Day, Sept 16th

- Since last year Lordship Rec is the world's first Cloud Appreciation Park!
- We are working with Tottenham Clouds to arrange activities on the day. [Dave]
- The Interpretation Board appears to be going rusty – needs attention. Chuku offered his expertise.

### Storage at the Depot.

- Issues with access, responsibility, coordination and clutter.
- Friends have cleared out a lot of miscellaneous old stuff from their allocated area recently.
- Meeting supports suggestion for meeting of all concerned to manage space efficiently. [Joan/Dave]

### AOB

Top Up Funding? 10 years on from the completion of the Lottery-funded regeneration works in the Rec, top-up funding from the Lottery could help maintain the various new features (paths, Hub, river channel, depot etc). Dave has contacted Simon Farrow, Council's Head of Leisure, to meet up after the summer to consider whether we can apply to the Lottery and what for..