

Friends of Lordship Rec Meeting - Sunday 3rd December 2023

Present: Mike, Nina, Catherine, Dave , Joan **Apologies:** Caroline, Sally

Lake News

- Still awaiting the outcome of the funding application to refurbish the lake island.
- The New Lake Interpretation Board has been installed.
- Joan and Caroline discussed using left over bit of grant from dipping platform, (since the board was paid for by the Council), for a lake activity in the spring using the new dipping platform.

Moselle

- There has been another clean up session in November
- Caroline has written to Chris Patterson for more information on Willows/Management Plan

Orchard

- Have mulched round trees and cut back weeds. Also planting a new Walnut tree.
- From Saturday 3rd February onwards the volunteer day in the orchard has been changed to the first Saturday of the month between 10am-2pm.
- Wassail will be held on 14th January with activities plus recruitment drive for more volunteers. An online cardreader for donations would be a good idea for outdoor events [See below]
- Coppicing workshop will be at end of January. Sally successfully applied for a PNP grant from the Council.
- There was a discussion about what the PNP grant money should be used for. There was a question whether it was efficient use of grant money to just go towards repeated payment for a single expert when our key purpose should be to train up Rec volunteers to care for the Rec on an ongoing basis and pass on skills. Another possibility could be to charge a sliding scale of fees for participation in the workshops to cover experts' wages. It was agreed to go ahead as planned, but that there should be further debate to develop a clearer preference policy on this issue.

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Spinney

- Harmony gardens planted some bulbs

Rough Sleepers

- We need to ask the Council for a progress report on moving on the 4 or 5 encampments in the Rec.

Woodland

- Volunteers have done litterpicking and path laying.
- Mat from TCV has written to Chris Poore to ask for more funds to finish the wooden edging broken by council contractors. If not possible we could apply via PNP grants.
- December volunteer session on 2nd Saturday of the month, ie 9th December.
- Next TCV volunteering day will be on 23rd January.
- Forest School proposal conversation ongoing between Council and Private Nursery (Fatima). Annabel wanted to organise a Teams online meeting for everyone involved but it was agreed an onsite, face to face meeting would be better. Our guidelines for the use of the Wood need to be adhered to.
- Woodland interpretation board needs cleaning up and mending if possible until new ones can be installed.

LRUF

- Meeting for all stakeholder groups to share what we are all doing and how we can support each other - to be arranged by Dave for early next year (January?)

Fundraising

- Dave has resubmitted our Wild London grant application with the agreed changes, ie mainly not including a paid worker just a consultant.
- Short discussion about the Friends getting a percentage of any commercial money paid to the council to use the Rec. It was believed that small amounts from activities like forest skills were not shared, only fees from larger commercial events. Dave wrote to Sarah (Council) on behalf of the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum and got a detailed response re policy and breakdown of money for groups.

- Dave and Joan are working on developing the concept of “Lordship Village” to use in future fundraising bids as a unique description/summary of what has been achieved in Lordship Rec. Note: the first application may be from the Hub. We’re happy to support.

Finances

- We agreed to get a Friends iZettle/PayPal cardreader, using our previous (currently dormant) PayPal account. Dave and Caroline are sorting this out.

Trove Market

- Pamela from Trove Market has spoken about having to pay the Council to use the park. As she carries out lots of free children’s activities at the market we felt that this charge was questionable. Agreed that if Pamela took this up with the Council we would support her.

Green Action

- The third meeting of Green Action, coordinating and developing green campaigning/activities in central Tottenham, will take place at the Hub on Sunday 10th December. We reaffirmed our support.

Water bottle filler update

- We are still waiting for a date from the Council for the installation of the disabled changing room so that the dispenser can be connected at the same time.

Woodchip

- Discussed whether it would be ok to have a one-off day for local people to take woodchip. There was worry that people may just help themselves after that? If it happened it would have to be supervised very closely, esp car access etc.

Next Friends meeting: 7th January 2024