

Friends of Lordship Rec Meeting - Sunday 7th January 2024

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

Lake News

- Still awaiting the outcome of the funding application to refurbish the lake island.
- We're considering a day to clean up the lake.

Moselle

- Annabel Foskett, Haringey Conservation Officer, has set up a Teams meeting with John Miles, Caroline, Chris Patterson and Alex Fraser, Haringey Tree Officer, to discuss willow strategy on 15 February.
- Bamboo along the Moselle needs attention.
- Paul W is doing a bird survey up and down the Moselle every Thursday. He is posting results on Birdtrack which can be found through RSPB website.
- Next volunteer session will be 20 January. Confirmed with Haringey that they are funding Thames 21 to supervise sessions through to March. Will have to negotiate with Haringey for next financial year. They want us to move to bimonthly, but we will resist that due to the length of the channel.
- Considering setting up Haringey Water Squad borough wide as a constituted body to access small pots of money.

Orchard

- Have continued mulching round trees and on paths.
- Planted new Walnut tree in area 11, in NW of Rec. [Note: there's been a request to plant a 10yr old oak somewhere in the Rec – Sally is leading for us on consideration of this]
- Saturday 3rd February onwards is a special volunteer day in the orchard and will be the first of regular 'first Saturday of the month' sessions between 10am-2pm. Thursday morning volunteer sessions, 9 to 12, will continue, weather dependant.
- Wassail will be held on 14th January with activities plus recruitment drive for more volunteers.
- Cardreader for donations not yet available due to paypal bureaucracy.
- Coppicing workshops will be 27 and 28 January.
- Pruning workshops will be 24 and 25 February.

Spinney

- TCV session on 11 January, 10 to 1pm.

Rough Sleepers

- The Clean Team made a thorough job of cleaning up the camp in the picnic area.
- Alex Goodyear has been asked to organise a clean up of the camp below the allotment site fence before coppicing workshops, 27 and 28 January
- Two young men have been sleeping in a tent in the wood since mid December. They have had contact with Streetlife and are hoping for hostel places.

Woodland

- Volunteers did litterpicking and woodchip laying on 9 December.
- Still waiting on parks officer Chris Poore (who has been off sick) to organise more funds to finish the wooden path edging.
- Next volunteer session on Saturday 13 January.
- TCV volunteering day on 23rd January.
- London-wide Launch of Woodland Self-Assessment Tool at Lordship Hub on 23 February, part of Trees Call to Action Fund for London Urban Forest Partnership. Aim to support community groups improve management of woodland. Catherine and Colette were among those trialling the tool in the wood in the Rec last year. Both invited to launch by Annabel Foskett. Visit to wood planned and Catherine to say something about the wood.
- Forest School proposal: commercial nursery booking cancelled for 'personal reasons'.
- Nadya suggested CIVIC group she is involved with could do a volunteer session in the Rec one Sunday. Catherine and Mike to liaise with Nadya on this.

LRUF

- Meeting for all stakeholder groups to be arranged by Dave in next few weeks.

Fundraising

- Dave awaiting result of our Wild London grant application to strengthen our volunteering strategy, plus misc events/interpretation funding.
- Request indicating expression of interest sent to Lottery Fund re proposal to develop 'Lordship Village'. Lots of the key Rec user groups have signed up to the idea.
- FoLR have not recently qualified for percentage of funding from commercial events in the Rec as this generally applies only to large commercial events or filming.

Finances

- Getting a cardreader, but setting up the izettle account proving very fiddly. Caroline and Dave leading..
- Caroline will be reviewing the finances in the coming week but notes that we can only now spend money that has been raised. There is nothing to make up any overspends.
- Nadya recommended London Historic Buildings as a possible source of funding for workshops etc.

Green Action

- Very good third GA meeting at the Hub on Sunday 10th December.
- Intend to invite groups such as e.g. Black Rootz from Wolves Lane to host and inform future meetings.
- Recycling in parks: looking into working with Council to restart this. Complex issue involving design of parks service vehicles, installation of enough 'split' bins, and public awareness campaign. Dave and Aroa looking into.
- Joan and Paulette want Flower and Produce show (Sept 14) to have a much wider green message/Green Fair element this year. Need to involve green groups etc in organising the event. Probably incorporate World Cloud Appreciation Day too.

Water bottle filler update

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

Woodchip

- Some woodchip being used to fill in muddy holes caused by vehicles on corners of the main field - to ensure Park Runners safety. Alex Goodyear to be informed of this [done].

A.O.B.

- Caroline has set up a Lordship Birders whatsapp group for coordinating specialist surveying.
- We agreed to try and do a calendar all our volunteering sessions, events and meetings etc.
See here: <https://lordshiprec.org.uk/volunteer-with-the-friends/>

Next Friends meeting: 4 February 2024

Friends regular volunteer sessions include:

Orchard Group 1st Saturday of the month, and Thursday mornings

Woodland Group 2nd Saturday of the month

River Group 3rd Saturday of the month

Litterpickers 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

Friends of Harmony Gardens Every Tues and Friday

And Friends' Open Meetings at the Hub 1st Sunday of the month