

Friends of Lordship Rec

Notes of Monthly Meeting - Sunday June 2nd 2024

Present: Dave M, Sally H, Nina P, Adam, Chuku, Joan C

Apologies: Catherine C, Caroline J, Sara H, Mike D

Minutes of last meeting - approved

Orchard Report

Most of the trees are growing well. Not so many plums as last year which is an advantage as it stops people breaking branches to reach them. Mike is organising Saturday volunteering sessions. Planning a green wood carving session with Susanne.

Lake Report

Still no news from Annabel about the bid for the lake island improvements. We intend to take the old floating islands out of the lake and take them apart as they are disintegrating but will try to store the shop made one in the back of the Shell. Chuku volunteered to help with that when it is organised.

River Report

Chris Patterson has said that his Projects Team have no money for supporting the volunteers who undertake river maintenance - but this is under review and therefore waiting for news of funds to pay Thames 21 (to support the volunteers) as they are insured for people to enter the river channel. There has been a pollution incident recently that has been dealt with. River flow has generally improved since volunteers have been clearing vegetation and the grille. And they've also pruned some of the willows by the channel.

Woodland Report

Have been cutting wood back along paths. Walks have been organised by Margaret Burr for Tottenham Trees in Lordship Rec. The dead hedging done in partnership with TCV has been much admired. Glynis Kirkwood one of the Zonal Officers said that they have been in touch with Thames Water about the leaks running across the path from the woodland and they will be doing more investigations.

Flower and Produce Show 2024

2 sources of Grant funding have been obtained so far (£10850) to enable our annual event on Sept 14th. Planning meetings have been well-attended and involve a range of groups. Haringey bike ride will be ending in Lordship Rec about 1pm on the day of the event. Haringey Right to Food may also organise a march to the event but still to be confirmed. We have a volunteer to organise free food at the event (working with Felix Trust and maybe Edible London). Tottenham Clouds are organising activities.

Chess Tables

The Council have some concrete chess/draughts tables/chairs, one set of which will be installed in Lordship Rec near the Hub and outdoor gym. Dave met with Kristie from the

Council to discuss it all. Like with the table tennis tables, people will have to bring their own equipment.

Random advertising and notices in the rec

Agreed to take down from lamp posts and gates any unauthorised promotional flyers or posters that are not directly to do with activities in the Rec, Hub or Harmony gardens.

Discussion on BBQs

The present bylaws in the park state that BBQs and open fires are not allowed in any Haringey Park (including Lordship Rec) unless part of an official event agreed by the Council. The ready made bbqs do a lot of damage to furniture and grass when used thoughtlessly and are often left behind because they remain hot – a fire safety risk. We are unable to physically stop people although we can remind them to be careful, but it was agreed that we design a diplomatic general poster to put in the notice boards and on gates reminding people that BBQs can be damaging, as well as loud antisocial music, dog poo and general littering. The Council are looking at updating the bye-laws as they are very old now but this could take a year or two.

National Demonstration for Nature

There is to be a national demonstration in central London, “*Restore Nature Now*”, on June 22nd assembling 12 noon at Park Lane to encourage support and protection for our natural environment. The Haringey Friends of Parks Forum has agreed to meet anyone who wants to go along to meet at Turnpike Lane (from 10.30am, leave at 11am).

Next meeting: First Sunday in July - July 7th, at 2pm at the Hub.