

LONDON GREEN SPACES FRIENDS GROUPS NETWORK (LFGN)

Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018 at City Hall

Those Present: Dave Morris (Chair), John Hatto, (IT & Biodiversity), Adrian Stannard (Minutes, IT & Treasurer), Kerry Hood (IT), Peter Woodward (Forum Development),

Apologies: Christine Farrell (Minutes), Alona Sheridan, (National Park City, Biodiversity), Symon Knightswood (Dog & Pedestrian Officers), George Meakin (Wandsworth), Samy, Susanne (Trees), David (Legal)

1. **Introduction:** Dave welcomed everyone and outlined the agenda for the meeting. He announced that Blanche Cameron was stepping down from the group due to other commitments. The group were very appreciative of her help over many years.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 16th October 2017 were approved and the draft minutes of the General Meeting of the 4th December 2017 were noted.
3. **Matters Arising:** Item 8 Wandsworth Council had submitted an appeal. Item 11 The World Urban Park's Congress was not well attended but was of a high quality and inspiring. Dave had led the Community Empowerment Workshop. Item 14 Westminster Conference 30 people attended and Dave was a speaker and it was a positive meeting. The LFGN meeting on the 4th December had a good discussion about Biodiversity. Richard outlined the issues with Large Events in Parks and encouraged people with concerns to contact him via contact@victoriaparkfg.co.uk. It was felt a further sub group could be formed to concentrate on Parks under Threat.
4. **Communications:** Adrian and Kerry had set up a new web site www.lfgn.org.uk and have updated the Twitter (@LDNgreenspaces) and Facebook (LFGN – Friends of Greenspace Network) sites. It was agreed Adrian will set up a Mailchimp account to communicate more effectively with our members. These should help us to keep members informed in particular if there is a crisis that needs our support. 9 responses from the survey had been received and they were being analysed.
5. **Our Space:** This project by CPRE is nearly fully funded (£5k) and Dave has suggested to Alice Roberts it should be hosted on our web site. It will be launched on 26th January from 4 to 6 at 70 Cowcross Street. The key suggestions are:
 - a. Monthly Newsletter
 - b. Use our web site to host the newsletters
 - c. Organise 2 annual events
 - d. Organise visits to parks
 - e. A database of non-friends groups (i.e. residents groups etc.)
 - f. Put people in touch with similar issues.
6. **GLA Community Consultation Conference:** 20th January 2018. City Hall 9.30 to 5.
7. **Government 25 Year Plan:** National Federation to respond.
8. **Charter:** national organisations have now taken to the Charter and once a few more organisations have signed it will be launched in time for the Local Elections in May.

9. Parks Action Group: Lordship Rec is the venue for the first meeting on 22nd January of the group which will include civil servants and Friends' Groups. It is not clear if the new minister for Parks Rishi Sunak MP will attend.

10. Local Elections: Parks for London and CPRE are planning a range of activities for the Election. Haringey Parks Forum has written parts. Dave to chase the distribution of this.

11. London National Park City: 29 wards are left before a majority have signed up.

12. Borough Reviews: members to be persuaded to scrutinise their parks and work towards Fields in Trust objectives. The Hounslow survey to be used as a template. 19 surveys received based on the Haringey model. Survey Monkey to be used for surveys on the web site.

13. Calendar see web site www.lfgn.org.uk

London Plan Consultation	Draft Autumn 2017	Examination in Public Summer 2018	Publish in Autumn 2019	
GLA Consultation Conference	20 th January 9.30am to 5pm City Hall	London Plan		
Our Space Launch	26 th January 2018 4 to 6 at 70 Cowcross Street			
London Parks Investigation	Parks Action Group meeting 22 nd January at Lordship Rec.			
London local Elections	3 May 2018			
Love Parks Week	13 th to 20 th July			

14. Actions: The following agreed to help:

- a. Priority to build up core presence with key officers, and use of web site and Facebook

Item	How	Who
Web site	Develop existing platform	Adrian/John/Kerry
Twitter	Set up a Twitter account	Adrian/John/Kerry
Facebook	Set up a Facebook account	Adrian/John/Kerry
Support for new Forums (e.g. Merton) and existing ones	Liaise with existing Friends groups	Dave and Peter
Minutes	Compile a list of those willing to take minutes	Christine/Susanne
Legal matters	Create a Legal Coordinator post	David can provide info
Funding/Treasurer	Discuss at general meeting a structure (if needed) and need for finance / treasurer	Adrian
Biodiversity	Create a Biodiversity coordinator(s) post	John/Alona
Planning	Create a team with an interest in Planning matters	Adrian
Trees	Create a Tree coordinator post	Maud/Susanne
Sport	Create a Sports coordinator post	Susanne
Dogs	Create a Dog coordinator post	Symon
Walking	Create a Walking coordinator post	Symon
Disabled Access	Create a Disabled Access coordinator post	Symon
Chair/General support	Continue current post. Add a Vice Chair?	Dave
Outdoor Arts	Create Outdoor Arts post	Sue Palmer
Parks Under Threat		

15. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

MONDAY 16th April 2018 at 6pm in Committee Room