



Thursday 29th November 2012
Scout Hut, Evesham Road, Stratford E15

Attendees:

Nicky Brown (Chairman), Ron Innell (Vice Chairman), Jo Barker, Ann Easter, Joel Farrell, Stella Fox, Lyndsay Jones, Roger Jones, Janice Kearsay, Peter Kearsay, Colm Kerrigan

Apologies:

Sue Banks, Geraldine King, Kina Legg, Christopher Owens, Bob Smith, Catherine Tye, Sonja Wallace

Introduction:

Nicky welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for their help with the Leaf Day event.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes from 20th September had been circulated previously by email and were agreed to be correct.

Bird Survey:

The new volunteers are doing a good job. Alison had spotted a pair of goldcrests and a group of long tailed tits in the garden, and a single redwing was also seen in the garden. No sign of a flock arriving yet, hopefully we shall see them soon.

Forthcoming Events

Park in the Dark

Nicky noted those who were able to help. It was agreed that they would arrive around 3.45pm. Nicky distributed details of the torch lanterns to be made instead of tea-light lanterns. It was agreed that we would not purchase torches, people would be asked to bring their own. We would give out glow sticks and bracelets.

Newham Academy of Music are booked to perform at the bandstand, Nicky will confirm this with them.

Lyndsay will provide the CD player and discs to provide background music when the choir is not singing.

Stella will shop for the refreshments, similar items and quantities as last year.

Stella reported that all City sites are now on Twitter, and Geraldine has asked if we are happy for information on our events to be tweeted. This was agreed.

Future Events

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, 26 January 2013

Lyndsay will lead a walk starting at 10.30. Other bird survey volunteers who are able to attend

will assist.

Nicky suggested holding an event to involve the Park's dog walkers, and hopefully to help people overcome the fear of dogs. This was discussed, and noted as a possible event for spring 2014.

It was agreed that we did not want to hold an extra event during the summer.

Spring Event

After discussion, it was agreed that this would have a St George's Day theme and not be advertised as Springwatch.

Lyndsay had established that the singer/songwriter we had hoped to use before (but he had been taken ill) was happy to take part and base his stories around heroes and heroines. His fee is £200 all included.

Roger had been in contact with a local member of the Friends, who is keen to do an activity making a simple musical instrument. This would tie in as the craft activity.

Roger and Lyndsay will follow up on these leads. Preferred date is 20th or 27th April.

Future Meeting Dates:

After discussion the dates chosen were:

Thursday 14th March 2013

Thursday 27th June 2013

Thursday 12th September 2013

Thursday 28^h November 2013

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No one wished to raise any other business.

Dates for the diary:

Bat Walk It was suggested that this very popular event be brought forward to September, starting around 7pm. Bats are more active when the weather is warmer. It will be held on Friday 27th September

Leaf Pile Day, Saturday 2nd November

Park in the Dark, Friday 6th December

Nicky thanked everyone for their input, and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.