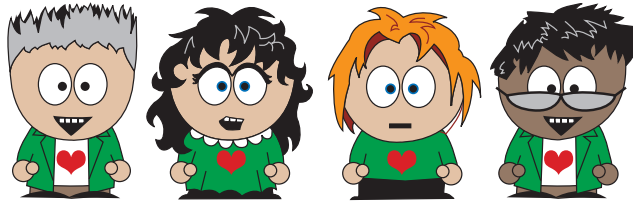


FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



WE ♥ WEST HAM PARK

Thursday 12th April 2018
Scout Hut, Evesham Road

Attendees

Roger Jones (Chair), Pat Mossop (Vice Chair) Lucy Murphy (Park Manager), Nicky Brown, Ron Innell, Marian Innell, Helen Mossop, Mary Edmondson, Jules Maurice-Williams, Lyndsay Jones.

Apologies

Joel Farrell, Abdul Sheik

Introduction

Roger welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced everyone to Jules, attending for the first time.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting on 22nd February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

Recent Events

Bird Survey

Lyndsay presented the bird population trends, comparing 2017 with the previous 10 years. We also have one new volunteer to help with the survey.

Wildlife Garden Maintenance

We held a working party on 25th March and were successful in clearing the central mound of brambles.

Future Meeting Dates

These were agreed as follows-

- 14th June 2018 - AGM
- 27th September 2018
- 29th November 2018

Park Update

Nursery Site

The Options Review Group had meet immediately after the last FWHP meeting, as reported in the post meeting note included in the meeting minutes. The consultants were continuing to refine, and cost, the options and these would be presented to a further meeting of the Options Review Group, probably in May. Jules asked for further information about the proposals, and that this stimulated an in-depth discussion about the different options and timescale for developing the plans.

Playground

Public consultation events are to be held on 20th May, and two nights in the following week. Full details of the proposals will be available in May. Lucy asked that FWHP explore any possible grants towards the project, which may be available to us as a voluntary group. This was agreed. We will also

help out at the consultation events if possible.

Wildlife Garden

The extension of the Wildlife Garden beside East Lodge is to proceed as planned. The dead hedge boundary will be constructed on May 17th. A team from the Open Spaces department at City of London will be doing the work, and any of FWHP who can be available will also help.

FWHP will hold the next working party on Saturday 16th June. This will not be a public event.

Programme for 2018

Open Gardens Weekend, Botanical Drawing event.

Mary and Lyndsay have been able to find a number of suitable illustrations in a second hand bookshop, and it seems that the suggested budget of £100 will be sufficient. Jules has offered access to larger size printing facilities.

The event will be held between 13.00 and 16.00. FWHP availability is noted, especially for helping with the drawing and craft activities.

July Fair

“Bringing Communities Together” is confirmed for Saturday and Sunday 14/15th July. FWHP will share a stall with the Park and do a craft activity whilst helping to promote the park.

Bat Walks

Thursday 23rd August, 8.15pm start

Friday 28th September 7.15pm start

Leaf Pile

Sunday 4th November

Park in the Dark

Friday 7th December

Treasurer's Report

We have £893.06 in our account. Thanks to Marian for keeping the records and managing the account.

Forest Schools Projects

Roger will arrange for himself, Lucy and Hamish to meet with Crossrail and discuss how to take this project forward. The idea is for a school art project to promote the park and encourage interest in wildlife.

AOB

Ron has received an approach from Table Tennis England offering to provide tables in the park. Lucy suggests they are sited on the hard playing area close to Ham Park Road.

Helen asked if it could be made clear that all cycling (and scootering) is not allowed in the Ornamental Garden, including by small children. The current advisory notices are very small. It was agreed that there is ample room for these activities in the rest of the park.

Families have been observed allowing children to climb into the ornamental pond and catch newts. Lucy will ask the staff to keep an eye out for such occurrences.

Roger thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40