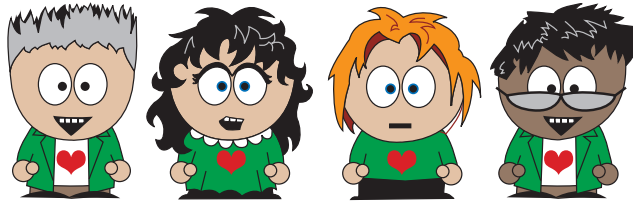


FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



WE ♥ WEST HAM PARK

Thursday 19th June 2014
Bandstand, West Ham Park

Attendees:

Sue Banks, Nicky Brown (Chairman), Joel Farrell, Hassan Hared, Ron Innell (Vice Chairman), Lyndsay Jones, Roger Jones, Haloge Mellett, Helen Mossop, Pat Mossop

Apologies:

Jo Barker, Jan Kearsley, Pete Kearsley

Welcome:

Nicky welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed the AGM had been postponed until September 2014.

Agree Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Park Update:

Sue mentioned the recent Lord Mayor's visit which had been covered in the Newham Recorder. Green Flag judges attended the park last Wednesday and London in Bloom arrangements are still being finalised. There has also been progress in getting a café in the park, but this is still in its very early stages.

Bird Survey:

Lyndsay confirmed the Bird Surveys are going well. Haloge offered to help and will speak to Lyndsay. Sue has seen a new woodpecker.

Next event — Poppies for Peace — 28th June 2014:

Lyndsay circulated prototype poppies that she had made with Catherine. World War 1 is commemorated with the use of the Red cornfield poppy, however, different colours will be used in the craft activity to represent poppies of the world. We will also have leaf shaped cards for messages to be tied to a Peace Tree. Lyndsay will also run a guided tour of the wildflower meadow. Volunteers to arrive by 12.45pm, Nicky and Lyndsay will be there earlier. Sue to arrange plastic ties, two tables and a gazebo. Nicky to send poppy pictures to Sue for use on posters.

Nicky asked if we wanted to do an extra Bat Walk in August. Lyndsay suggested 21st August 2014. Sue will confirm date with the park manager, Rosie Thornton.

Lyndsay also confirmed the September Bat Walk is on the 18th, not as shown on the agenda. An extra Star Gazing event was also discussed. Lyndsay will check suitable dates.

New Members:

Nicky welcomed Helen, Pat, Hassan and Haloge and asked for any suggestions to encourage more new members. Suggestions were to email the wider Friends mailing list and more visible advertising of future meeting dates via Facebook and park posters.

AOB:

Sue will be asking for volunteers to carry out gate surveys during August 2014, as these were very successful last year. More details to be confirmed by Sue.

Dates for the Diary:

Poppies for Peace Saturday 28th June 2014

Bat Walk Thursday 18th September, note date correction

Leaf Pile Day Saturday 15th November

Park in the Dark Friday 5th December, note date correction

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday 11th September 2014 - this will be the AGM, but in the Scout Hut

Thursday 27th November 2014, in the Scout Hut

Nicky closed the meeting at 8:10pm - just in time to see England lose (again).