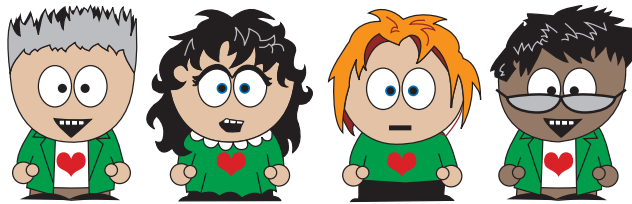


# FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



WE ♥ WEST HAM PARK

**Thursday 29th November 2018**  
**Scout Hut, Evesham Road**

## **Attendees**

Roger Jones (Chair), Lucy Murphy (Park Manager), Nicky Brown, Ron Innell, Marion Innell, Jules Maurice-Williams, Dawn Webster, Mary Edmondson, Eugene Czauderna, Abdul Sheik, Charlotte Cook, Lyndsay Jones.

## **Apologies**

Pat Mossop (Vice Chair) Helen Mossop, Joel Farrell,

## **Introduction**

Roger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes from the meeting on 27th September 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

## **Recent Events**

### *Wildlife Garden Maintenance*

We held a successful working day on 29th September, and have agreed the next tasks to be started after the winter. Lucy will obtain logs to make the stepping stone path across the mound.

### *Bat Walk*

The September bat walk was well attended. As noted in the September minutes, many people had not been to a bat walk before. There were fewer bats than in August but everyone had at least one sighting, and heard the calls on the detectors. The temperature may have been a bit too cool. We could consider doing the September walk a week earlier next year.

### *Leaf Pile*

The Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, accepted our invitation, and threw herself enthusiastically into the event. There was a good turnout, as usual, and we also received a nice, small, article in the Newham Mag.

### *Newham History Week*

Ron led a walk attended by 25 people, some of whom had never visited the park before. We will consider making this an annual event. Mary offered to assist and include information about Dr. Fothergill in future walk material.

## **Finance Report**

Balance in the account was £813.06. The expenses for Park in the Dark are to be deducted. The accounts have been audited so they can be presented with the grant application for the vegetable

garden.

Thanks to Marian for keeping the books.

### **Park Update**

- Nursery Site. There has been no change to the situation as reported in September. Ron had been contacted by a group hoping to use the glasshouses for a community project, but the buildings and site are now considered unsafe. FWHP will be updated when there is anything to report.
- Playground Consultation. The proposals will be considered by the Project Sub-Committee in February, including the larger extended playground, with a toilet refurbishment and changing the park keepers first aid space to a small cafe concession. The scheme is likely to cost between £700,000 and £1,000,000.
- South Meadow. 1300 plants are on site ready for the volunteer working day on Saturday 1st December.
- Vegetable Garden. Roger thanked those who had worked at short notice to submit the grant application to the City Open Spaces. The decision is awaited.
- Cricket Nets. Refurbishment is in progress.

### **Future events**

#### *Stargazing*

Thursday 10th January at 6pm and Friday 8th February at 7pm. A decision will be made at lunchtime on each day as to whether the event will take place and publicised on social media and by notices on the park gates.

#### *Park in the Dark Friday 7th December*

Godwin School Choir will sing for us. Lyndsay has purchased glow sticks and prepared paper etc to decorate torches. Ron and Marion are to purchase the refreshments . Stella has offered to prepare the hot chocolate and help with the whole event, and we very much appreciate her hard work.

#### *January bird watching*

Public guided walks will be held on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January from 10.30 until 12.00. Meet at the Bandstand.

#### *Spring Event*

We will hold an event centred around the Wildlife and Vegetable gardens on Sunday 14th April. Details to be discussed at our February meeting.

#### *Dr. Fothergill's Legacy*

We will plan to repeat 2018's exhibition, in a more permanent form. Lyndsay will look into how this might be achieved. Lucy, Mary and Lyndsay will meet in January to discuss plans. We will need to check on copyright issues, and if we plan to apply for a grant for a permanent display, this will need to be ready for Autumn 2019.

The Director of Hermitage UK has taken an interest on our behalf, and is in contact with the Curator of Drawings in St Petersburg.

#### *Station Artwork to promote the park*

Roger said he would re-open the issue with Transport for London in the new year to see what progress might be possible.

#### *Book Recycling Point*

Hope to launch this project in the Spring. It was suggested that we use our Facebook page to seek someone who might be prepared to construct a suitable box.

**FWHP Meeting dates**

Thursday 21st February 2019

Thursday 18th April 2019

Thursday 27th June - meeting and AGM

Thursday 19th September 2019

Thursday 28th November 2019

**AOB**

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 8.30pm