



Thursday 14 June 2012
Superintendent's Office, West Ham Park

Attendees:

Sue Banks (Support Officer – Outreach, Sustainability and Biodiversity, West Ham Park), Jo Barker, Nicky Brown (Chairman), Ann Easter, Joel Farrell, Laurie Howell, Ron Innell (Deputy Chairman), Lyndsay Jones, Roger Jones, Janice Kearsey, Peter Kearsey, Colm Kerrigan, Geraldine King (Park Manager), Kina Legg, Christopher Owens, Catherine Tye.

Apologies:

Bob Smith

Introduction:

Nicky welcomed everyone, especially new attendee Kina, and Catherine, this time as a guest.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes from 1st March 2012 were agreed to be correct.

Bird Survey:

Only touched on briefly, the Survey is still being done every month, but we haven't spotted anything unusual recently. Lyndsay and Geraldine will do July and August. Bob will do September but that is likely to be his last regular survey.

Past Times Event

It was agreed that it was unfortunate that there were two other events happening in the immediate area on the same day — West Ham Church is having a Fete, and the Territorial Army are receiving the Freedom of the Borough in Stratford Park. We don't think there will be too much overlap, and maybe people will come to our event whilst they are in the area.

The Past Times event will last from 12 noon to 7.30pm, although the Friends craft bit will only run 12-4. Geraldine will finalise exact positions for all activities once she has spoken to the Community Links people. She will also arrange signs for the activities.

- Making Boats — Ron and Marion will run this, and two tables will be set up near the Paddling Pool,
- Peg Dolls — Nicky and Jan will run this; three tables will be set up for this,
- Flag Making / Qulit Making — Lyndsay and Joel will run this, and it will use the same tables as the peg Dolls. Lyndsay showed off some sample flags. We also have bunting and a poster to decorate this stand,
- Colm's history posters will be around the bandstand,
- Community Links will run Owl Display, Fairground Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Bouldering Wall and the 60ft Races for us. They have also arranged the 50s and 60s Covers Band
- Geraldine will lead a Park Walk but be back in time for the music,

- Ann was thanked for her help in getting Newham Music Academy to perform,
- Frank will run a BBQ, including veggie burgers, and the ice cream van will be there too
- Lyndsay said she would contact Forest Gate Radio, and send them a poster and timetable,
- Kina, Jan and Nicky said they would distribute posters where they could,
- Friends are asked to turn up between 11-11.30 to help set up,
- Laurie is unable to attend, and Catherine has moved away. Ann and Christopher will try to come after the Territorial Army event, which they have to attend. Stella will man an information point. Roger and Kina agreed to help where they can.

We are expecting a lot of the Gurney Family to attend and are encouraged to introduce ourselves.

Future Meeting Dates:

There has been some confusion over the next two meeting dates, so these were discussed and the following dates were agreed:

Thursday 20th September 2012

Thursday 29th November 2012

AOB

Sue mentioned the Mile Walk that is taking place in the park on 17th June, and City Open Spaces leaflets were available to take away.

Dates for the diary:

Past Times in the Park, Saturday 23rd June,

Bat Walk, Thursday 4th October,

Leaf Pile Day, Saturday 3rd November,

Park in the Dark, Friday 7th December.

AGM

Geraldine introduced the AGM. Nicky made a short speech highlighting the successes of the past year — all events were well attended and we received a grant of £500 from John Lewis, and we have a big event this week to look forward to.

Christopher thanked Nicky for her work over the year.

Geraldine thanked the Friends for all their help over the year.

Nicky was re-elected Chairman un-opposed.

Ron was re-elected as Deputy Chairman un-opposed.

Nicky thanked everyone for their input, and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.