

# FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



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**Thursday 27th June 2013  
Bandstand, West Ham Park, E7**

## **ORDINARY MEETING**

### **Attendees**

Sue Banks, Jo Barker, Nicky Brown (Chairman), Joel Farrell, Lyndsay Jones, Roger Jones, Pete Kearsley, Jan Kearsley

### **Apologies**

Laurie Howell, Ron Innell (Deputy Chairman), Marion Innell, Geraldine King, Haloge Mellet, Bob Smith, Catherine Tye, Sonja Wallace, Martin Rodman

### **Introduction**

Nicky welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, date to be updated to 2013.

### **Bird Survey**

Lyndsay confirmed the Bird Surveys are going very well, and no further volunteers are needed at present. Survey information has been included in the London Natural History Society (LNHS) Annual Report.

### **Dates for the Diary 2013:**

Dates were confirmed for the remainder of 2013

Bat Walk — Thursday 26th September 2013

Leaf Pile — Saturday 2nd November 2013

Park in the Dark — Friday 6th December 2013

### **Dates for the Diary 2014:**

Provisional dates were agreed for 2014 so they can go into the Park Diary, some to be confirmed at the next meeting in September

Bird Watch — Sunday 26th January 2014

Spring Event — Saturday 26th April 2014 (TBC)

Bat Walk — September 2014 (date TBC after this year's event)

Leaf Pile — Saturday 1st November 2014

Park in the Dark — Friday 5th December 2014

**Future Events 2013:**

Bat Walk — Lyndsay to contact 'Radio Pete', Nicky to confirm number of Friends available.

Leaf Pile — Nicky to contact local Beaver Scouts, as they have asked to be involved, also to contact the Sea Cadets and Scouts. Lyndsay to speak with Catherine about possible craft activities, but we might not run a craft event this time.

Park in the Dark — Use same torch idea as last time, glow sticks and bracelets. Nicky to contact the choir from the last event, to see if they would like to be involved again.

**Future Events 2014:**

Nicky to contact the IROKO Theatre Company regarding a possible drumming workshop for the Spring 2014 event.

**West Ham Park Request for Survey Volunteers:**

Sue requested volunteers to help run a '60 Second Survey' at the park gates during 10th or 11th August 2013, weather permitting. Sue will circulate more info. Volunteers would need to commit to 2 hours.

**Review of FWHP Membership:**

Sue would like to restart the completion of registration forms giving basic details for all volunteers. Sue will revise the current registration form.

**AOB:**

Concerns were raised regarding the relationship between Park management and the Friends group. It was felt that the original purpose of the Friends had altered. Sue mentioned that the Friends had been consulted on key documents such as the Management Plan and Conservation Management Plan and that all the major projects carried out in the Park come from these documents. The Park management will of course consult with the Friends group when the Park management Plan is ready to be reviewed in 2017. Sue agreed to take away these concerns and feedback to Park management. In addition, with a review of the terms of reference, some of these concerns could be addressed as well.

As part of a review of the Friends group Sue, Nicky and Ron will be looking at the Friends Terms of Reference, which Sue will circulate in advance of their meeting, to the key friends members for comments.

Jan asked why the football pitches had been moved so close to the orchard. Sue agreed to find out.

Roger asked that the September 2013 meeting be moved to 6:30pm, to enable celebration of Lyndsay's birthday. Lyndsay kicked Roger under the table.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Thursday 12th September 2013 — 6.30pm start

Thursday 28th November 2013

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:****Introduction and Annual Report:**

Sue thanked the Friends for all their work throughout the year. Nicky gave a brief presentation and review of the past year. It was agreed that it had been a very successful year for the Friends.

**Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman:**

Nicky gave a brief presentation on Ron's behalf restating his commitment to the success of the Friends. Nicky and Ron were both re-elected unopposed.

Nicky closed the meeting at 8.30pm.