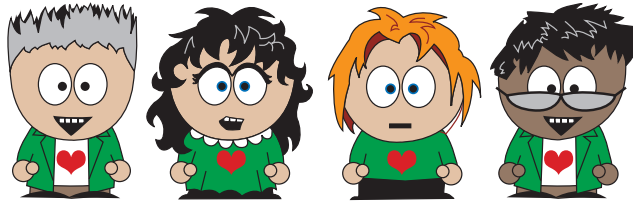


FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



WE ♥ WEST HAM PARK

Thursday 11th September 2014
Scout Hut, Evesham Road, E15

ORDINARY MEETING

Attendees

Nicky Brown (Chairman), Joel Farrell, Ron Innell, Lyndsay Jones, Roger Jones, Pat Mossop, Abdul Sheikh, Rosie Thornton (Park Manager)

Apologies

Sue Banks, Bob Smith

Introduction

Nicky welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Park Update

Rosie gave an overview of events held by the Friends during 2013/14. All events had been successful, with the Bat Walks proving very popular. Rosie thanked all who had volunteered to help complete the recent park surveys. The park has again won a Green Flag award and also a Gold Award for London in Bloom. Cafe consultations have started and are ongoing. Rosie will investigate the possibility of holding a consultation event on a weekend rather than a weekday.

Bird Survey

Lyndsay confirmed the Bird Surveys are going well, with a large flock of Pied Wagtails spotted and photographic evidence of a Gold Crest. Lyndsay will send Nicky the most recent bird survey results for adding to the website.

Future Events 2014

Bat Walk - 18th September 2014 - now fully booked.

Nicky, Pat, Roger and Lyndsay will be attending.

Leaf Pile - 15th November 2014 - hopefully the leaves will hold on.

No competition this year, just Beat the Biggest Pile Ever. Lyndsay will contact Catherine about craft ideas and Radio Pete about publicity. Rosie will advise Ricky of Leaf Pile date.

Park in the Dark - 5th December 2014 - 4.30pm for a 5pm start.

Nicky will contact Newham Music Academy. Lyndsay will check craft supplies.

New Members

Nicky welcomed Abdul to his first meeting and acknowledged two other recent new members Pat and Helen. Lyndsay confirmed her new neighbours are interested in attending some events. Other local Friends groups carry out regular guided walks, which could be worth investigating. Also the possibility of a history walk was discussed. Nicky will produce a leaflet detailing forthcoming events.

AOB

Star Gazing events are planned for 20th November 2014 and 19th February 2015. Booking essential. Bird Watch is planned for 17th January 2015 at 10.30am. All to be confirmed nearer the time.

Nicky agreed to continue with the posters and website.

Pat asked about park policy on diseased trees. Rosie confirmed contractors had completed a survey of all trees in the park and a plan of works was in place. Rosie will distribute more info via the email list.

Rosie then presented Nicky and Lyndsay with some lovely booze and chocs for all their hard work on behalf of the Friends over the years.

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday 27th November 2014 at the Scout Hut, at 7pm

Thursday 26th February 2015 at the Scout Hut, at 7pm

Thursday 4th June 2015 - AGM - on the Bandstand, at 7pm

Thursday 17th September 2015 at the Scout Hut, at 7pm

Thursday 26th November 2015 at the Scout Hut, at 7pm

Dates for the Diary 2014

Bat Walk - Thursday 18th September 2014

Leaf Pile - Saturday 15th November 2014

Star Gazing - Thursday 20th November 2014 - booking essential

Park in the Dark - Friday 5th December 2014

Bird Watch - Saturday 17th January 2015

Star Gazing - Thursday 19th February 2015 - booking essential

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Introduction and Annual Report

Nicky gave a brief presentation and review of the past year. It was agreed that the biggest challenge would be recruiting new members.

Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman:

Ron was elected unopposed as the new Chairman.

Roger was elected unopposed as the new Deputy Chairman.

Nicky closed the meeting at 8.15pm.