



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 21st May 2021

11.15am via Microsoft Teams

Present: April Cameron (AC) (FOWP), Ben Cook (BC) (LUX), Ian Henghes (IH) (Highgate Neighbourhood Forum), Gabi Howard (GH) (Camden LA), Katherine Ives (KI) (Lauderdale House), Fiona Murphy (FM) FOWP, Pippa Rothenberg (PR) (Highgate Society), Sue Tatum (ST) (Chair), Catharine Wells (CW) Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum, Eileen Willmott (EW) (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Committee), minute taker for this meeting

Apologies: None

PR had to leave early due to family needs

Issue	Action
<p>1. Matters Arising from minutes of 19/01/2021 and their approval</p> <p>GH BBQ update pending. Will be reviewed after Covid 19 Step 4 on 21/06/21.</p> <p>NO BBQ banners still in place.</p> <p>ST Various members of TAG to represent the views of their organisations on BBQs</p> <p>FM 42 out of 172 members of the public no longer wanted BBQs in a FOWP survey</p> <p>IH/CW TAG will review the situation at the end of the season</p> <p>Trees and Views of St Paul's ongoing</p> <p>Highgate Festival proposed event in the Aviary and its necessary cleaning. AC A proper Health and Safety Assessment needs to be done, due to bird droppings etc. GH it is outside of the IDVerde contract. Possibility of FOWP volunteers doing the cleaning? PPE must be used. FM a firm of contractors to be paid for if necessary. However only a short time period before the proposed event</p> <p>Minutes of 19/01/2021 approved</p>	<p>GH BBQ review after 21/06/21</p> <p>TAG members to represent the views of their organisations</p> <p>TAG BBQ review at end of 2021</p> <p>IH to seek to ensure that the current listed views from the Park are maintained as in the Greater London Assembly (GLA) Plan. IH to contact Cemetery and local GLA representatives</p> <p>GH to contact Camden Environmental Team or IDVerde</p>

<p>2. Tracker updates IH Upper Pond work going ahead CW noted that it will have to be closed for this Greg Hitchcock noted that the 2011 Management Plan will have to be reviewed and updated CW Necessity of a 'No dogs' notice and upper pond needs to be properly secured. IH Views of St Paul's ongoing Hedgehog project complete CW/KI Signage project</p>	<p>Rita Drobner will co-ordinate the responses of the Biodiversity Group</p> <p>GH to deal with Pond Notices</p> <p>KI Signage in progress</p>
<p>3. Camden updates, see GH's report 'No BBQ' banners left <i>in situ</i>, public toilets re-opened on 17/05/21, park lodges both have one-year approved tenancies, Greg met with TAG's Biodiversity Group, Jevaughan (Ground Maintenance Monitoring Officer) supported the FOWP raised bed project. A conservation surveyor to look at the listed statues.</p>	<p>Proposed walkabout date to meet Carole Stewart.new Director Community Services and Trustee is 18h June 10-11am.</p>
<p>4. FOWP updates, see FOWP report FM Hoping for the Pop-up Promenade Concerts to take place over the summer, uncertainty over aviary cleaning for Highgate Festival event, new raised flower beds by Lauderdale House, Biodiversity Group to list plant species in the Park and will need extra volunteers, Park users survey asked for disabled access to the two upper gates, with a fifth asking for BBQs to cease, conservation, and not repair, of the statuary required?, petanque pitch re-surface and toilets now open but not modernised. FOWP AGM 24th June at LUX</p>	
<p>5. Lauderdale House update, see 19th May 2021 report KI Cafe now open inside and out, together with gallery space usage in poor weather. LH will be running 'Open Air Thursdays' on the Tea Lawn and are hoping to use Marvell's Garden as an event space in the future for outdoor parties if financially viable. Summer exhibition outside to coincide with the Highgate Festival, including a cabinet of curiosities with work by children from Channing and Parliament Hill Schools, work on the sundial and three other installations within the Park</p>	

<p>6. Strategy update AKA 'Forward Plan' CW, GH, IH and Oliver Jones met since the last TAG meeting. IH said that it was renamed as a 'Forward Plan'. FM asked if it is TAG or Camden that comes up with the Plan, ie., TAG 'in the dark'? IH said that the Plan does not replace the Tracker. There are various groups in the Park, which also reflect its various topographies. AC said that biodiversity and green space should be of equal importance ie., biodiversity should be 'balanced with public use of space'. CW said that too many people affect biodiversity (adversely). The Strategy has too many words and offers too much. KI is a working document which cannot deliver all. IH said the next step is to include other people from the Friends Committee. GH a) Park side. TAG should not be 'in the dark' as queried by FM. Camden does not have an internal business plan. b) Trustee side. The Park is unique in that it is a charity. TAG brings us together. FM FOWP is integral to the Park. We should build on TAG's charity status for grant access</p>	<p>FM to co-opt another person from the FOWP Committee</p> <p>IH envisaged one more strategy meeting and will set up a doodle poll for it. After a further meeting, ie., by the end of the year, it would then be in the public domain. It would be used by Camden, as Trustee, TAG, FOWP, Maria Schlatter at TGV and Oliver Jones for future planning.</p>
<p>7. AGM Planning Agreed that the two AGMs should combine, ie., that there will be a slot for TAG at the Friends AGM, as FOWP is the public face of the Park. CW We should, as TAG members introduce ourselves at the AGM.</p>	<p>AGM at 6/30pm at LUX Assemble in LUX garden with pre-meeting drinks.</p>
<p>8. AOB CW We need the Park's crime statistics to be included by the police as well as those of the Heath. GH contacted Community Safety and the SNF about an incident at LUX but no reply as yet AC The Community Orchard needs a notice board, like the kitchen garden, but stating no ball games or large events to take place in there. CW Problem with moving the benches for football goals. Need it to be a positive notice, eg thank people for behaving properly. Need two more benches in the orchard. GH currently there is a waiting list for memorial benches, but two people on the list could be asked if they would like theirs in the orchard. Query as to whether the benches should be fixed</p>	<p>GH action for SNT and put on tracker</p> <p>GH to pay for notice board on Park budget to include no ball games or large gatherings.</p> <p>GH to organise 2 benches for the Community Orchard</p>

<p>on concrete slabs or just on the grass. KI asked if she should add her LH tea lawn q events to the tracker. IH thought the tracker is for projects and not specific events</p>	