



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 16th May 2023

Present: Ben Cook (BC) (LUX), Ian Henghes (IH) (Chair), Gabi Howard (GH) (Camden LA) (via Zoom), Katherine Ives (KI) (Lauderdale House), Fiona Murphy (FM) FoWP, Eileen Willmott (EW) (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Committee) (interim Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum)(DPNF)
Valerie Doulton (DPNF) (guest, prior to approval as TAG member for DPNF)

Apologies: April Cameron, Pippa Rothenberg

Issue	Action
<p>1. Matters arising from minutes of 10th January</p> <p>Tracker</p> <p>AC: Memorial to Dr Christine Farrell, a former Chair of FoWP</p> <p>AC: Community Orchard</p> <p>AC: Social prescribing</p> <p>AC: Grass to be mown once or twice a year.</p> <p>TAG Codes of Conduct to be returned to GH</p> <p>IH has combined the two tabs on Tracker of 'projects' tab' and 'issues' into 'projects' tab</p> <p>Guidelines returned to GH</p> <p>A.O.B. How TAG might reply to complaints</p> <p>Physic Garden, to be sited below the Tea Lawn and designed by a horticultural volunteer Pruned in winter.</p> <p>Two community benches going in with ground fixtures. Siting for two more?</p>	

<p>A Thursday volunteer will have their carer accompanying them</p> <p>Relaxed mowing. Clippings to be removed in Swains lane meadow</p> <p>Codes of Conduct/Engagement</p> <p>The minutes from the 10th January 2023 approved</p>	
<p>2. Tracker - updates and decisions as required</p> <p>IH: met with new head Gardener John Whittingham and briefed him about TAG. GH and Jevaughn also met him. Dog behaviour in the Park. GH: If staff attacked it is a police matter/Enforcement Team. PSPOs involved, not ID staff</p> <p>Petanque Court: differing views of suitability of surface and also whether used often enough or not</p> <p>Siting of benches by tennis courts</p> <p>Accessibility at park entrances</p> <p>Bins have been re-painted</p> <p>Drainage: KI: Water flows from Waterlow Park into Highgate Cemetery. (Nb Cemetery will bid for lottery funding)</p> <p>Pop up Proms this summer - FM: 3 concerts on Sundays 6th, 13th and 10th August</p> <p>Pond Work</p> <p>Decking work very expensive, needs periodic replacing as Health and Safety matter. IH expressed thanks.</p> <p>Defibrillator: link with defibrillator in Highgate</p> <p>Drinking water fountain by Swains Lane gate (IH: Separate invoice from Park's supply)</p> <p>Path resurfacing</p> <p>Statues</p>	<p>GH to ensure new staff have an induction that includes introduction to TAG with introductory briefing paper.</p> <p>KI, GH and John Whittingham to meet to discuss dog training</p> <p>GH: work finished in January 22 to specification. FB: some disagreement as to suitability of grit size. Louise Lewis to get involved Louise Lewis to report back.</p> <p>FM said that FoWP would pay for re-surfacing if thought necessary</p> <p>GH and IH to discuss future Camden Capital Funding</p> <p>FB: difficulty in costing. GH to find out cost from Thames Water. FoWP liaising with Highgate Society over this</p> <p>GH to enquire if Camden will fund</p>

<p>FB: work complete, but recent damage to eagle Signage GH: gnomon to be located and re-fitted securely</p> <p>Future works</p> <p>Additional Storage Space for Lauderdale House/events</p> <p>Basketball facilities</p> <p>FB: would like new equipment to the play area, especially swings for age 3+.</p> <p>Valerie Doulton, vice-Chair of Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum, was welcomed by IH as a possible new member of TAG, following the departure of Catharine Wells. She has had a plot in the Kitchen Garden for many years and has recently taken over as the person who will liaise with Camden.</p> <p>IH: proposed that highlights of the Tracker should be for public consumption</p> <p>KI requested access to edit the Tracker</p>	<p>the rest of the Conservation work PR: not able to progress as supplier will only quote when received money. GH to intervene?</p> <p>FB to liaise with KI</p> <p>A TAG appointment process is in development.</p> <p>IH suggested display by FoWP website and Park notice boards.</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report - including topics for FoWP AGM slot New Head Gardener John Whittingham appointed</p> <p>Development of Archway Campus</p> <p>IH to have a discussion with Oliver Lewis.</p> <p>TAG has concerns over the 38 storey tower block proposal on Archway Campus site which would dominate the park skyline from some positions and change the relationship of park visitors to the London skyline. There have been two meetings with the developer. The proposal is currently at the pre-application planning stage</p> <p>IH presented updated TAG members code of conduct and TAG appointment criteria</p> <p>GH: BBQs happening again this year. IH: BBQs are held in the bandstand, Zone should not include this markings are unclear.</p>	

<p>BBQs were reviewed in briefly last year but this will be the first full post covid season.</p>	<p>GH to monitor BBQ issues</p> <p>BBQ group to review</p>
<p>4. Additional updates from Camden /Lauderdale / FoWP /LUX /DPCAAC /DPNF</p> <p>BC: LUX has had recent unforeseen staff difficulties LUX has had its lease renewed. Sir Sydney gifted not only the Park, but also a museum. The LUX building will now fulfil that role by gaining museum status as a charity. Ben was congratulated by the meeting. Lux conservatory to be improved.</p> <p>KI re Lauderdale: 300 copies of children’s activity book ‘The Wonders of Waterlow Park’ produced. They will be distributed at The Fair in the Square. Very good quality and design. Possibility that a bronze sculpture, will be donated. Its siting and security need to be addressed.</p> <p>EW reported on HNCC, Chester Road Hostel, Murphy’s Yard, Mansfield Bowling Club developments and the change of use from a Nursery to Forest School in Dartmouth Park</p>	
<p>5. Forthcoming Trees and Views Consultation</p> <p>IH: tree works are needed to prevent the view of St Paul’s being obscured. Public engagement needed when consultation document complete.</p> <p>IH: Preview consultation document to GH/Camden Tree Department/Oliver Jones. As it is a Trust Park, Camden tree policy can be varied. Have to engage with the public and FoWP. Input needed.</p> <p>EW: thanked IH for all his hard work on this matter.</p>	<p>IH to develop engagement material in consultation with GH</p>
<p>6. Appointments to TAG</p> <p>IH: has produced a draft document.</p>	<p>IH to discuss further with Trustee</p> <p>IH; to present an Annual TAG Report at FoWP AGM on 17th May.</p>
<p>Close 12.38pm</p>	