



Friends of Broomfield Park

Meeting Minutes - Annual General Meeting 8th May 2013

Date:	8 May 2013 @ 07.00 pm	Written on:	10 May 2013
Location:	Ruth Winston Centre, 190 Green Lanes, N13	Written by:	Laki Marangos
Committee Attendees	Nigel Thorogood –chairman (NT) Laki Marangos – secretary (LM) Zahir Anwar – treasurer (ZA) Sue Younger (SY) Tony Elliott (TE) Elizabeth Dobbie (ED) David March (DM) Sarah Cotton (SC) Don Arthur (DA)	CC:	Basil Clarke (webmaster)
Apologies:	Phillip Chard, Romy Batiste, Henrietta Burton, Ivor Evans		

1. Welcome

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed the attendees to the Friends of Broomfield Park AGM. Some 17 members attended.

2. Minutes of last year's AGM

- 2.1 The Minutes were approved.

3. Annual Report from Chair

- 3.1 The Chairman praised the work done by the Conservatory and Orchard teams, who continue to grow and attract larger numbers of visitors.
- 3.2 Two gardening sub-groups were setup, namely the Dipali garden led by Mark Shenker and the Sensory Garden one led by June Dawes and Joy Foo. Their voluntary contributions are much appreciated.
- 3.3 The Chairman expressed deep concern about the drop in flower bedding plants due to apparent reduction to Council funding for even basic garden upkeep. The Chair invited other members of the committee to add to the report for the year.
- 3.4 ED expressed her disappointment that lack of communication between the Council and the Friends re gardening and maintenance, which is also reflected in inadequate communication between Park management and the gardeners. No bedding plants were provided.
- 3.5 TE informed the meeting that FoBP had completed well over 100 hours of relevant voluntary work thus satisfying the condition for achieving the **gold standard** according to the “partnership agreement” with the Council. This will enable work to begin on establishing a management/operational plan for the Park to which the Friends will contribute.
- 3.5 The Chairman thanked Derek Honnor and Henrietta Burton for their work on organising another successful Remembrance Day service on the 11th November 2012. DH reports that over 200 people attended and this time we had the wonderful Choir of International Voices adding to the emotional service.
- 3.6 The Chairman thanked Basil Clarke for his professional and efficient work with the website. There was total support for this from the members.
- 3.6 The report was approved by the meeting



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4. Audited Accounts

- 4.1 ZA presented the audited accounts for the year. ZA pointed to a change in the presentation of the report previously emailed to members showing the donation by the NLNL of £500 as explicit to the creation of a vegetable garden.
- 4.2 Approval for the accounts was proposed by ED and seconded by DA.
- 4.3 ED reported that donations to conservatory events have been very generous. The group plan to use these as soon as received to keep plants current and seasonal.
- 4.4 DM has agreed that the Orchard group will be run in similar lines to the Conservatory and be part of the FoBP. Finances will be reported via the FoBP Treasurer but managed by the Orchard group. All relevant volunteer times will therefore count as part of the FoBP total reported to LBE as part of the Partnership Agreement.

5. Committee Nominations

- 5.1 The following were willing to serve again and were duly elected
Nigel Thorogood – Chairman
Zahir Anwar – Treasurer
Sue Younger
Tony Elliott
Don Arthur
Sarah Cotton
Romy Batiste
David March
- 5.2 The following have stood down
- Laki Marangos
 - Elizabeth Dobbie
 - Henrietta Burton
 - Phillip Chard

The Chairman thanked all the above for their contribution to the FoBP.

- 5.3 The following were nominated
- Ivor Evans proposed by NT and seconded by TE
 - Caroline Chénier, proposed by DH and seconded by LM

6. Election of an honorary auditor

- 6.1 Derek Honnor was nominated, seconded and elected by the meeting as Honorary Auditor.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Two new members joined as life members
Basil Clarke (our webmaster)
Harry and Diana Goforth

The meeting closed at 07.30pm