

Minutes of the meeting of the Friends of Downhills Park, Sunday 9 June 2019

Friends: Briam Bousangar, David Clark, Sylvia Oland, Clare Parry, Jehan Shah, Tracey Robinson

Apologies: Chris Currie, Seema Chandawi, Jonathan Ringshall, Brenda Whittle, Stephen Whittle,

1. Welcome and introductions

Friends of Downhills Park welcomed David Clark and Tracey Robinson to the meeting, both were joining having seen the poster advertising the meeting and were keen to get involved. It was noted that this may be the 20th anniversary of the Friends of Downhills Park given that the constitution is dated 1999.

2. Minutes & matters arising

The previous meeting had been the AGM and the minutes would therefore be approved at the next AGM in 2020.

3. Green Flag

Clare noted that the Green Flag inspection had been held on 23 May. It had been wonderful weather and the park was looking fantastic following a great deal of work to address the issues flagged in the previous report. The decision had not been delivered and was expected in July.

4. Bins

Sylvia noted that she had attended the open event at Keston Depot to see the proposed new bins for parks and that Glynis Kirkwood had outlined the features of the bins which will be customised, are durable and have a cigarette stub area. An 8 week turnaround is required for installation. The group discussed the preferred number and location of bins for the park and it was agreed that Clare would share a request for 12 bins and suggested locations with the parks team.

5. Social media & surveys

Jehan noted that he had started to work on a Friends of Downhills Park Facebook page. He has also set up gmail account for the group, the email address is: friendsofdownhillspark@gmail.com and it was agreed that this would be added to the mailing list so that we can keep track of communications. Once finished we will try to link with other local Friends groups and Haringey groups such as Tidy up Tottenham etc.

Jehan presented a draft survey to the group. The intention is to ask people to complete the survey in order that we can get a sense of how people use the park, what they enjoy about it and what improvements they would like to see. Clare noted that Joan Curtis had developed a children's survey and that she would circulate this to the group.

6. Forthcoming events

- **The Wind in the Willows** scheduled for **Saturday 22 June at 2pm.**
- **Don't forget the kids:** annual family fun day scheduled for **Saturday 13 July 2019.**
- **Art in the Park** scheduled for **Sunday 21 July 2019.**

Next meeting of the Friends of Downhills Park: Sunday 8 September, 4pm, Downhills Park Café.