



Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 4 February 2010, 7.30pm
at The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Alan Bailey (Chair)
Molly Bertrand
Marcel Jenkins

Kylie Barnes (Secretary)
Gavin Bolam
Elizabeth Downie

Nicholas Taylor
Jo Ireland
Vicki Wheeler - Glendale

Sydney Couldridge
Ahmad Saeed
Hannah Crump -
Groundworks

Apologies:-

Andrew Barnes

Josh Smaller

Albert Blackmore

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alan Bailey opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

3. Community Event focussing on “play” and “gardening” – Opening of New Playground

Hannah Crump from Groundworks came to the meeting to discuss the M&S Sustainability Fund which will provide for a day of planting / play workshops to encourage more people to use the new playground once it is opened. A lengthy discussion took place on when to hold the day. We opted for a first choice of Sunday 30th May or 29th May. Hannah will come back to us once a decision has been made. HC will work up a planting plan for the notice board bed for us to look at at our next meeting.

We will try to combine that day with the official opening. HC to liaise with LBL.

We'll also try to incorporate a promotion of the FBHF on the day too.

4. Festival – Saturday 3rd July 2010

Nicholas Taylor has managed to get a quotation for the collection of the refuse recycling for the Festival of £75.00.

The issue of Donkeys came up – yes we'll have donkeys this year on the proviso that there are enough handlers to manage them for the entire day. JI offered to pull together a team of handlers.

KB will arrange a couple of banners. MB will pull together a cake stall. GB will organise Ice Cream van(s). MJ suggested that we video record some “vox pops”. AB to ask Mark if he will lead a BBQ. BBQ help from the Jenkins family. Ask back Josh and Lewisham Community Sports.

Possible retailer invites. The Holly Tree – Lynn. Bike shop. Whitewood furniture Shop. Neroli.

A “sponsored” something?

Volunteers – we need volunteers to manage the entrance gates and volunteers to act as Stewards

We are hoping to get the fire engine again and the police horses to make a presence.

Entertainment – Molly Bertrand will act as impresario for the stage acts. And might pull in a Punch and Judy show. We are also considering having local bands with children performing. KB to talk to contacts at Dalmain and Stillness.

Kylie Barnes will be managing the stalls. If you would like a stall please contact her via the Blythe Hill Fields web site.

5. **Any other Business**

An informal hedge clearing session will take place on Saturday the 6th Feb 2010.

Trim trail – Elizabeth Downie is still looking into ways of sourcing funding for this initiative.

Dead Trees – Josh Smaller asked that if trees were felled, could they be left insitu to encourage wildlife / insects to inhabit them.

Playground – if anyone has been taking photos of the new playground in the making, can they please send them to Marcel Jenkins via the Blythe Hill Fields web site.

6. **Dates of Meetings for 2010**

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

25th March

13th May (If needed for Festival Planning)

10th June

15th July (If needed for post-festival wrap party)

7th October (AGM)

2nd December

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Blythe Hill Fields (FBHF) exists to represent everyone living around or using Blythe Hill Fields. Our purpose is to achieve sustainable improvements and facilities in this vital resource for the benefit of the whole community. We aim to promote the increased use and enjoyment of this essential open space.