

Older kids' trim trail

Subcommittee update, 20 July 2023

Overview

The Subcommittee met on 28 March to develop our brief - see attached.

Our goal was to develop a top level brief on one side of A4 to serve as our 'community mandate', drawing on the views of the committee and the chair, as well as our consultation at the annual festival.

The brief could then be adapted by Lewisham to suit the needs of a tender process within their suppliers framework, while also meets their various legal obligations, as the owners with ultimate liability for the park with responsibility for things like health and safety, accessibility, ongoing maintenance and so on.

Phased to enable fundraising

It is an ambitious brief. Only the first phase would be covered by our £10k award from the Greening Fund. However, our hope is that a phased approach would give us concrete additional plans that we could use for fundraising purposes.

We submitted the brief on 18 April and Peter Maynard at Lewisham responded on 21 April to convey his thanks, saying the brief 'is succinct and to the point and reflects a considerable amount of discussion.'

What happens next?

We anticipate the next phase will be further questions from Lewisham as well as an opportunity to meet shortlisted suppliers and review their proposals.

We have nudged Lewisham for an update, most recently on 19 July, and we are waiting for their response.

Under the terms of the funding the equipment must be selected and installed before the end of March 2024, so Lewisham is working to a concrete deadline.

Subcommittee chair: Helen Raggatt

Members: Rich Ibell, Alice Casey, Stephanie Boyle, Val

Older children's 'trim trail' playground brief - spring 2023

We'd like to use the Greening fund as a base for fundraising for a bigger project.

What would this project look like?

- High level exciting challenges
- Elevated walkways
- A high twisting slide (potential to use the natural contours near community garden area)
- A natural wooden look but potentially incorporating other materials e.g. steel slide (minimal plastic)
- A tall 'UFO' swing
- Benches/other landscaping within equipment
- In keeping with the character of our park, perhaps with a lookout tower for views from the fields
- Consideration of accessibility for part of the equipment
- Can you suggest what the project might look like for 10k, 15k, 20k, 50k or 100k or even wow us with bigger scale ideas?
- Do you offer a layout/design as part of a package?
- Can you advise about what health and safety rules will affect the location of the installation or its cost/complexity?
- Could we break up the plan into stages so that a first stage can be achieved fairly quickly and a more inspiring and ambitious stage follows afterwards?







