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General Meeting

**Wednesday 20th February 2013 6.00pm at
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 16th January 2013 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Rebecca Towers (LBS Parks and Open Spaces Manager)**
- 4. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 5. Southwark Park Leaflets – Amanda Squires**
- 6. Bowling Club Update and Possible Centenary Celebration – Ray Buckberry**
- 7. Treasurer's Report – Gary Magold**
- 8. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Roger Bilder**
- 9. Planning Matters – updates if any**
- 10. Gallery Update**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**

**Pat Kingwell
Secretary
29th January 2013**



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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting
held on 16th January at
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

In attendance:

Roger Bilder; Alison Clayburn; Francesca Corscadden; Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Jackie Davies (Rotherhithe Primary School); Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Pat Kingwell; Cllr. Richard Livingstone; Gary Magold; J. Moore; Lynn O’Connell; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracey Scales; W. Simmons; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires;; Susan Vaughan; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; William Cameron; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Ann Clayton; Judith Deschamps; Marjorie Hill; Claire Sexton	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 21st November 2012 The notes were agreed as a true record except for the omission of Sue Sexton-Figgins from the attendance list.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Bermondsey Carnival 2013 It was confirmed the event will take place in Southwark Park on 6th July 2013 . Bands agreed so far are The Real Thing and John Coghlan’s Quo.	
2.1.2	Scout House Development Joe Tatham, Development Surveyor of Rydon Construction Limited sent the following e-mail: “Thank you for your email. As it stands we are not able to update The Friends as yet on the proposals as we are revising the designs following feedback from LB Southwark. The designs are still very much preliminary stages until we are more comfortable with the proposals. Once we are clearer on the direction I will be happy to talk through the proposals with The Friends. I hope this is of assistance for now.” The meeting was concerned to ensure that there should be no entrance gate from the development into the park and that the Planning Officer be advised.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.3	Firework Display Comments were made again about the difficulties experienced in exiting the park after the event. It was agreed to request a copy of the debriefing report from the Events Team and also to invite them to discuss at the next meeting.	Pat Kingwell
3.	Park Manager’s Report Andrea Pita reported on a number of issues:	

3.1	<p>Southwark Park - Distance Markers Joanne Sinton-Hewitt of Parkrun has not been able to identify a team of people to look after a run in Southwark Park, so at present the route is not decided. However support will be given to install distance markers, once the Parkrun issue has been resolved.</p>	
3.2	<p>Southwark Park - Lake Fountain The fault has been investigated and a replacement pump is due to be fitted within the next seven days. The contractor has recommended that the filters should be cleaned at least once a month, in order to ensure there is a free flow of water on a regular basis. The latter will be undertaken by The Conservation Volunteers (formerly Trust for Urban Ecology) via a service level agreement.</p>	
3.3	<p>Southwark Park - Old Lido Fountain The Head Gardener has recently provided a planting plan following recommendations made at previous meetings and the area will now be planted up towards the middle of March, when the weather conditions are likely to be more suitable. The height of the railings will not be reduced for the time being, as the cost to do so is proving to be extensive and it remains a serious health & safety concern.</p> <p>The meeting reiterated the need for the fencing to be lowered and in view of the high costs quoted (c£4000) Gary Glover said he would seek alternative quotes.</p>	Gary Glover
3.4	<p>Southwark Park - Bowling Green Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute) will visit Southwark Park on 5th February @ 10am to assess the condition of the green and a detailed report with recommendations will then be provided accordingly. • A meeting with representatives from the Bowls Club will take on 19th February @ 2.30pm and from thereon it will be held monthly until the end of the playing season. Items for the agenda would be welcomed a week before the meetings are scheduled to be held. • The green was treated for moss and fine turf disease by Complete Weed Control at the end of November and QSL undertook a light scarification on 11th January. CWC have advised that the chemical to treat the moss will still be working but the weather conditions need to be milder and warmer before it takes total effect. A further application will be applied if necessary, at no additional cost. 	
3.5	<p>Southwark Park - Bowling Green – Artificial Rink The R & M Manager has been notified of some loose paving slabs around the perimeter of the artificial rink and the remedial works will be undertaken as soon as the weather conditions permit.</p>	
3.6	<p>Southwark Park - Bandstand Some remedial works to the bandstand have recently been undertaken, as the gutters and cast iron down pipes were either blocked or leaking.</p>	
3.7	<p>Southwark Park - Seats The R & M Manager has been asked to obtain a cost for the supply of five additional benches, following the agreement at the previous meeting.</p>	
3.8	<p>Southwark Park - Outdoor Gym There are no funds at present to purchase additional gym equipment in the northern sector by Scout House but enquiries will be made about costs, for reference purposes.</p>	
3.9	<p>Southwark Park - Wildlife / Nature Garden – Forest School A Forest School is a secure area of woodland, which acts as an outdoor classroom where children can explore, investigate and discover the natural environment. Jackie Davies of Rotherhithe Primary School explained how they have been involved with Forest School on Wednesdays since last Autumn and details of their success have been placed in the park office notice board. RPS also hopes to start using one of the raised beds in the vegetable garden, for educational purposes. Jackie expressed an interest in knowing more about the history of the site and it was agreed to send her some images.</p> <p>St James CE Primary School has recently expressed an interest with Forest School and</p>	Pat Kingwell Gary Magold

	they will be using the wildlife/nature garden on Tuesday and Friday mornings.	
3.10	King's Stairs Gardens - Fit London Legacy Fund The timescale for spending the money is tight – 50% has to be used by 16 th February and all of it by 16 th May, so a meeting will need to be arranged as soon as possible, in order to prioritise works. We will attempt to obtain an extension to the former, once we have received information from our Legal Section on the status of dedication.	
3.11	King's Stairs Gardens - Entrances A site meeting should be arranged as soon as possible to review the condition of the entrances at Elephant Lane, Cottle Way and Paradise Street, in order to discuss improvements.	
4.	Old Nursery - Update and Possible Queen Elizabeth 2nd Status Application	
4.1	Max Nakrani sent the following e-mail: "The proposed fencing works to rear of properties at Ann Moss Way has been pushed back by 4 to 6 weeks as the contractor has been delayed on their current works programme. We are now looking to commence works end of Feb to mid March 2013."	
4.2	On QE2 status it was agreed to invite Rebecca Towers to the next meeting to discuss the subject.	Pat Kingwell
5.	Southwark Council's Friends of Parks Protocol It was agreed to invite Rebecca Towers to the next meeting to discuss the subject.	Pat Kingwell
6.	Cleaner Greener Safer Applications Update Max Nakrani had advised by e-mail that Councillors were due to shortlist schemes for funding and that a final decision will be made by April. Roger Bilder reported that an application for £3,500 has been made to improve Fulford Street boundary logs.	
7.	Bowling Club Update and Bowling Green Centenary Celebrations The trophies won by the club were on display at the meeting and congratulations were passed on to the team. Thanks given to LBS staff for their work on the new roof. On the centenary Ray Buckberry had sent the following e-mail: "Hi all, I have been in touch with Finsbury Park Bowls Club with a view of setting up a match on 4th May. This date is actually 1 day later than the original date in 1913 when Southwark Park lost 58 - 60. They have a committee meeting this Thursday when this will be raised. David Fifer will let me know Thursday evening if this or an alternative date can be met. Planned for a match with 3 x Triples with a start time of 2:30 pm. Jim also had a date (5th July) when we played Rotherhithe Police. Southwark Park lost 57 - 72 in that match. We currently have 6th July as a free date. If anyone knows if Rotherhithe or Metropolitan has a bowls team, perhaps we could arrange a re-match." It was agreed that The Friends will fund a trophy for the centenary match and Gary Magold offered to investigate. It was agreed Sue would look into links to assist a match against the Met Police.	Gary Magold Sue Sexton-Figgins
8.	Treasurer's Report Gary Magold reported the group is in funds. Some outstanding issues remain to be resolved over the Jubilee event funding. It was agreed we need a second Assistant Treasurer and Marjorie Hill was duly elected.	Gary Magold
9.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues	
7.1	Thames Water Campaign Roger reported that although the campaign was in a quieter mode a vigilant eye will be kept on any TW proposals. He also indicated that significant question marks are being raised at governmental level over TW's strategy.	

7.2	Queen Elizabeth 2 London Legacy Funds Concern was expressed about the apparent deadline of 31 st March to spend the £10,000 grant. This would present operational difficulties, so it was agreed Roger would contact Fields in Trust to get agreement for an extension of time. Jill Gibbs will be co-ordinating the community involvements aspects of the scheme.	Roger Bilder
7.3	Picnic A picnic in KSG is being planned for June, primarily with a focus on children.	Roger Bilder
7.4	Inconsiderate Cycling near The Angel pub Cyclists by the Angel pub was raised again. The discussion mentioned that cyclists may not like riding on the cobbled road and in avoiding doing so the pavement outside the Angel pub was used. It is very narrow and anyone coming out of the pub when a cyclist is passing will inevitably result in injury to both. A suggestion was made that cement be added round the cobbles (perhaps along a strip either side of the road) so that the ride is not so bumpy, but some doubts about cost were voiced. It was also suggested that the eventual revised Salter Statues might offer a design solution. The meeting recognised this was a difficult problem to solve, but asked if Colin could raise the matter through Southwark Cyclists. Cllr. Livingstone also agreed to raise the matter with Barrie Hargrove.	Colin Hartridge-Price Cllr. Richard Livingstone
10.	Southwark Park Leaflet Amanda reported interest in the recently produced banners but we need a leaflet to distribute. Agreed copy be written and leaflets ordered.	Amanda Squires Pat Kingwell
11.	Planning Matters Update None given	
12.	Gallery Update None given	
13.	Any Other Business	
13.1	Fountains Green Fly tipping Although not within the remit of The Friends of Southwark Park it was requested that the ongoing problem of fly tipping is addressed.	Andy Chatterton
13.2	Inconsiderate Cycling and Dangerous Dogs in Southwark Park Lynn O'Connell and J. Moore raised the issues based on some recent personal experiences in the park. In the discussion the point was made strongly that ALL dogs are required to be kept on a short lead. Andrea reported that it is the practice of some people to deliberately leave their dogs in the park all day while they work. Staff have experienced verbal abuse when pointing out that this is not allowed under the bye-laws. It was also said that cyclists should use their bells or voices to warn of their approach. It was suggested that consideration be given to creating dedicated cycle lanes on the park paths. Again, it was recognised these are not easy problems to resolve but Cllr. Livingstone was asked if he could look into what measures the Council might take to help.	Cllr. Richard Livingstone
13.3	Southwark Park Lake Gary Glover mentioned the poor state of the lake and suggested a voluntary clean up in March. Parks to consider how this can be arranged.	Andy Chatterton Andrea Pita
14.	Dates of Future Meetings Wednesday 20 th February 2013 Wednesday 20 th March Wednesday 17 th April 2013 (Preceded by walk around Southwark Park from 4.00pm) Wednesday 15 th May 2013 Wednesday 19 th June 2013 All at 6.00pm at The Park Office	