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General Meeting

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

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 20th February 2013 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Dangerous Dogs: Operation Bark – Susan Hunter (LBS Warden Services Manager)**
- 4. The Lido Fountain Planting Scheme - Lyn Olding Head Gardener**
- 5. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 6. Website Management – Volunteer Needed**
- 7. The Southwark Park Act 1864 – 150th Anniversary Event – Pat Kingwell**
- 8. Bowling Club Update – Ray Buckberry**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Roger Bilder**
- 10. Planning Matters – updates if any**
- 11. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting
held on 20th February 2013 at
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

In attendance:

William Cameron; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Michael Daniels; James Fearnley; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Helen Kaminski; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Paola Miller; Josie Moore; Cllr. Wilma Nelson; Martin O'Rourke; Kenny Peart (Quadron); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Tracey Scales; Sue Sexton –Figgins; Colin Smith; Rebecca Towers (London Borough of Southwark); Susan Vaughan; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; John Benton; Roger Bilder; Alison Clayburn; Paul Cowell; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Ron Henocq; Stephanie Lodge; Christiana Macarthy-Woods; Amanda Squires	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 16th January 2013 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Scout House Development 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.	
2.1.2	Firework Display Gary Glover reported that he had met with Paul Cowell and John Benton and that a debriefing report had been prepared for the Southwark Council Cabinet member. The report includes our concerns and a copy will be coming to FOSP in due course.	Paul Cowell John Benton
2.1.3	Southwark Park - Old Lido Fountain Railings Gary Glover reported he had found a contractor who could reduce the height of the current railings for c£1200. However, Andy Chatterton indicated that the idea now is to completely replace the railings with new ones in keeping with those elsewhere in the park once Head Gardener Lyn Olding's planting scheme had time to establish itself. It was agreed to ask Lyn to attend a meeting to tell us more about the scheme.	Lyn Olding
2.1.4	Southwark Park - Wildlife / Nature Garden – Forest School It was agreed Andrea would provide Pat Kingwell with Jackie Davies' contact details so that some photographs can be passed on.	Andrea Pita
2.1.5	Bowling Green Centenary Celebrations – Metropolitan Police Involvement Sue Sexton-Figgins had e-mailed her contact but had yet to receive a reply.	
2.1.6	Inconsiderate Cycling in Southwark Park and King's Stairs Gardens Colin Hartridge-Price reported that Southwark Cyclists had raised the concerns in a meeting with Cllr Barrie Hargrove and Council transport representatives. On the issue of cyclists going on the pavement outside The Angel pub so as to avoid the cobbled road, it was asked whether it might be possible to relay a strip of cobbles	

	<p>alongside the pavement to give a smoother road surface. This appeared not to be a problem, subject to funding, and an indicative figure of up to £15,000 was quoted. It was suggested that an application be made for Cleaner Greener Safer Fund.</p> <p>It was suggested that a similar cobbled stone solution might be tried in Southwark Park, particularly around the China Hall and Dilston entrances and other points where some cyclists speed. Also the provision of better signs. It was agreed Andy and Rebecca Towers look into options.</p> <p>On dedicated cycle lanes Rebecca Towers confirmed that this was not a Council solution as it would go against the shared access policy in parks.</p> <p>Colin offered to organize a 'slow down' initiative in Southwark Park and called on members to help him.</p>	<p>Andy Chatterton Rebecca Towers</p> <p>All</p>
2.1.7	<p>Dangerous Dogs in Southwark Park Helen Kaminski, Paola Miller and Josie Moore all recounted incidents involving dangerous dogs and threatening behaviour in the park. Reporting the matter to the police had not led to any satisfactory outcome. It was agreed that this problem requires far more attention and that it should be a main agenda item at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Pat Kingwell</p>
2.1.8	<p>King's Stairs Garden Picnic William Cameron reported that the picnic planned for a Sunday June will be like last year's Nature Trail with Teddy Bear picnic.</p>	
2.1.9	<p>Southwark Park Lake The poor state of the lake was again discussed and Kenny Peart indicated that he will look into it as a priority and report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Kenny Peart</p>
3.	<p>Rebecca Towers (LBS Parks and Open Spaces Manager) Rebecca reported on a range of borough-wide park successes, including a record number of Green Flag awards; high public satisfaction survey ratings and Quadron's excellent ground maintenance performance. She also referred to the Cabinet commitment to the park budget and three important strategies concerning Trees, Biodiversity and Open Spaces. The latter includes specific policies about the sports centre and Old Nursery sites in Southwark Park.</p>	
3.1	<p>Vision for Southwark Park Rebecca outlined the vision for the park which is based on high standards of maintenance; involvement of local people; and promotion of positive use of the park.</p>	
3.2	<p>Friends of Parks Protocol Rebecca said that the proposed protocol is out to consultation. She confirmed it is not intended to be a legally binding document or in any way against the autonomy of Friends groups. The aim is to act as a guideline which clarifies roles and responsibilities. The meeting agreed to consider signing the protocol once the final version is provided.</p>	<p>FOSP</p>
3.3	<p>Sports Centre Improvements Rebecca indicated that it is expected final funding should be in place by April after which public consultation on proposals will commence. It was suggested that consideration be given to adding the grounds maintenance of the refurbished facility to Quadron's contract and Rebecca agreed to look into it.</p>	<p>Rebecca Towers</p>
3.4	<p>The Old Nursery and Designation Rebecca confirmed that currently the site is not designated as Metropolitan Open Land, as is the rest of the park. It is protected under the Canada Water Action Plan as an open space with community use. She also indicated that an application for Queen Elizabeth Fields in Trust status would add additional protection. The meeting agreed to an application for QE2 status, but also requested Rebecca to investigate how the Old Nursery can be afforded MOL status in line with the rest of the park.</p>	<p>Rebecca Towers</p>
3.5	<p>UK Power Network Proposals Rebecca confirmed that following the Council's objections nothing is happening on the proposal to use Southwark Park as a base for tunnelling works.</p>	
3.6	<p>Tree Preservation Orders How many TPOs apply to Southwark Park? Andy agreed to find out.</p>	<p>Andy Chatterton</p>

4.	Park Manager's Report Andy Chatterton reported on a number of issues:	
4.1	<u>Volunteer Planting Events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would like to introduce the events on a quarterly basis with the first event taking place on 16th March between 10am and 12 noon to gap up hedges around the perimeter of the site, especially by the former Swedish Church, Park Lodge and by Maydew House. The areas will be prepared beforehand and we would appreciate the support of 3/4 volunteers for this event. Future events to plant up the lake in July supported by The Conservation Volunteers, bulb planting in November and a further event in February 2014. 	
4.2	<u>Lake Fountain</u> A replacement pump has been fitted recently and the contractor advised the jets would need to be adjusted once it had been running for a while. QSL have undertaken this today and will monitor it on a regular basis.	
4.3	<u>Lake Condition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following concern raised at the previous meeting, The Conservation Volunteers will be undertaking some partial dredging in late February and early March. QSL have been instructed to ensure litter is removed from the lake throughout the day, as specified in the contract documents. 	
4.4	<u>Old Lido Fountain</u> An order has been placed with Provender Nurseries for the supply of various shallow growing plants and materials, following the recommendation by the Head Gardener. It is anticipated that they will be planted in mid March, with the current railings remaining in place until establishment.	
4.5	<u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed report has been provided by STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute) and the content was reviewed with representatives from the Bowls Club yesterday afternoon. It has been agreed that QSL should undertake specified operations as soon as the weather conditions permit and that the playing season will commence from 13th April. 	
4.6	<u>Bowling Green – Artificial Rink</u> Loose paving slabs around the perimeter of the artificial rink have now been secured. Some remedial works to the playing surface will be undertaken by QSL.	
4.7	<u>Seats / Litter Bins</u> Some additional benches and litter bins have been ordered and they will be installed within the next few weeks.	
4.8	<u>Old Nursery Site</u> Fencing works will take approximately 10 – 15 days from the 25 th February and should be completed by 15 th March. The Community Payback Team has continued to undertake works in the area to ensure full access is available at all times.	
4.9	<u>Sculpture</u> The sculpture is currently being restored by a 3 rd party linked to the café gallery and it will be completed as soon as the weather conditions improve.	
4.10	<u>New Buggy Running Group</u> Lynne Atkinson, Run England Activator, would like to utilize the park for the buggy running group once a week. We have agreed that there will be no charge initially, as this is a funded non for profit group which hopes to be profitable in the future.	
4.11	<u>Åssiden School Band, Norway</u> Marianne Bockfeldt from Eurotravel AB would like to hold a concert with 27 young musicians on the bandstand for approximately 45 minutes on 22 nd June. The request has been passed to Events who will ask for an application form to be submitted	
4.12	<u>Dangerous Dogs & Inconsiderate Cycling in Southwark Park / King's Stairs Gardens</u>	

	The Parks Liaison Officer has targeted both sites (am & pm) in relation to the issues raised at the previous meeting and no offences were committed. These areas will continue to be targeted whilst on general patrol.	
4.13	<u>King's Stairs Gardens Fit London Legacy Fund</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting took place this morning with Jill Gibbs to discuss a schedule for the first six months and a draft document will be produced as soon as possible. A site meeting will also be arranged for week commencing 4th March, Jon Best (Ecology Officer) will be invited to attend. The deed sign off and funding release has yet to be confirmed. 	
4.14	<u>King's Stairs Gardens Litter Bins/ Dog Waste Bins</u> Following a review of the general usage, new dual purpose litter bins have been purchased and will be installed within the next few weeks.	
4.15	<u>34 Elephant Lane</u> A local resident has expressed some sincere concern about the dilapidated condition of the fencing at the above property which backs on to King's Stairs Gardens and this is currently being investigated by Legal Services.	
4.16	<u>Fountain Green Fly Tipping</u> The outstanding issue relating to 4 Fountain Green will be passed to Gary Rice (Development Control) and Glen Nurse / Martin Talbot (Community Safety) for further investigation and possible action.	
5.	Southwark Park Leaflets Leaflets were presented to the meeting and thanks extended to Amanda for organising.	
6.	Bowling Club Update and Bowling Green Centenary Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The double gates to the bowling green are being left open. Kenny to check. Jim and Colin reported that a centenary match has been arranged with Finsbury Park for Saturday 4th May. 	Kenny Peart
7.	Treasurer's Report Gary Magold reported the group is in funds.	
8.	King's Stairs Gardens Issues None raised other than those noted above.	
9.	Planning Matters Update The issue of consultation with Friends was discussed and Rebecca said she would look into it.	Rebecca Towers
10.	Gallery Update An e-mail from Ron Henocq gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent renovation of Dilston Grove has been selected as a National Finalist for the 2013 Civic Trust Awards. We have received a capital grant from ACE to improve work on the windows in Dilston Grove, which will make the building far more flexible and contribute to our long term stability. The Allotment will be starting again in April We have exhibitions with the RCA printmakers in March followed by a Bermondsey Artists' Group Exhibition in April which marks the 30th anniversary of the group. 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of the Gallery and we hope to exhibit some artworks in the park, more info to follow. Yumi's sculpture in the lake has had some repairs and will be painted when it is warmer. 	
11.	Any Other Business	
11.1	Stakeholders Meeting Andy invited FOSP to meeting on 25 th February.	
11.2	Southwark Park Act 1864 Gary Magold reminded the meeting that April 2014 will mark the 150 th anniversary of the passing of the Act which created the park. It was agreed to plan an event.	
12.	Dates of Future Meetings 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	
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