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General Meeting

Wednesday 24th April 2013 6.00pm at

The Park Office, Southwark Park

Preceded by a Walk around Southwark Park from 4pm

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 20th March 2013 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Bee Observation Hive – Sharon Bassey (London Beekeepers Association)**
- 4. London Oktoberfest 3-6 October 2013 Consultation – Miranda Clarke (LBS Events)**
- 5. Stroke Association Three Bridges Cycle Ride 12th May – Information Item**
- 6. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 7. The Southwark Park Act 1864 – 150th Anniversary Events – Pat Kingwell**
- 8. Bowling Club Update – Ray Buckberry**
- 9. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Roger Bilder**
- 10. Veolia EnviroGrant Application – Pat Kingwell**
- 11. Planning Matters – updates if any**
- 12. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Dates of Future Meetings**

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

In attendance:

Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Ivy Douglas; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Susan Hunter (London Borough of Southwark); Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Lynne Olding (Quadron); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Ian Pheby; Jim Saunders; Tracey Scales; Sue Sexton –Figgins; Colin Smith; Susan Vaughan

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Roger Bilder; Alison Clayburn; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Stephanie Lodge; Amanda Squires	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 20th February 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 It was agreed to ask Events Team for a copy of the Council's debriefing report.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.3	Tree Preservation Orders Andy agreed to find out from the Tree Services Manager about TPOs in Southwark Park	Andy Chatterton
3.	The Lido Fountain Planting Scheme – Lynne Olding (Quadron – Head Gardener) Lynne reported that she and the Static Team Leader had planted the area up on 19 th March and that once the weather improves we should have a fine scheme. The meeting passed on congratulations to Lynne and her colleagues for the way the park is looking, especially around the lake, the carriageway drive and the general grass cutting.	
4.	Dog Issues: Operation Bark – Susan Hunter (LBS Warden Services Manager) Susan briefed the meeting on the work of Operation Bark and indicated that the main priority was dangerous dogs, i.e. dogs that are banned by law e.g. American Pit Bull Terrier; Fila Brasilia; Dogo Argentino and Japanese Tosa. She distinguished between these officially dangerous dogs and those that may be dangerous, but are not banned as such. Susan said that legislation exists which applies to dogs in parks. The Control of Dogs Order 1992 states that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it. A fine of up to £5,000 may be levied if a dog does not wear an identification tag. The Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Act	

	<p>1997 created a new offence of being an owner of a dog which is dangerously out of control in a public place.</p> <p>It was agreed that Susan and Andy should liaise with Ruth Backhurst of Community Wardens to arrange for a 'Good Owner' campaign in Southwark Park this summer. It was also agreed to use Susan's handout as a basis for publicity in the park notice boards.</p>	<p>Susan Hunter Andy Chatterton</p>
5.	<p>Park Manager's Report</p> <p>Andy Chatterton reported on a number of issues:</p>	
5.1	<p><u>Volunteer Planting Event</u></p> <p>The event has been rescheduled to 23rd March 10am - noon to gap up hedges around the perimeter of the site, we would appreciate 3/4 volunteers to assist with the planting.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>Lake Fountain</u></p> <p>The condition of the fountain continues to cause concern and although QSL have agreed to clean the jets periodically we will arrange for the contractor who maintains the fountain at Burgess Park to visit and undertake a review of the current system.</p>	<p>Andy Chatterton</p>
5.3	<p><u>Lake Condition</u></p> <p>The Conservation Volunteers have successfully undertaken a dredging exercise and it is felt that the condition of the lake has improved considerably. The current contract specification states "The Contractor will maintain water features in a clean, litter free condition at all times to the cleanliness standards of the EPA zone within which the feature falls".</p>	
5.4	<p><u>Old Lido Fountain</u></p> <p>See 3 above</p>	
5.5	<p><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u></p> <p>A meeting took place with representatives from the Bowls Club and it was agreed that QSL should continue to undertake the specified operations whenever the weather conditions permit, in order to ensure the season commences on 13th April. The minutes of the meeting will be produced and circulated as soon as possible.</p>	
5.6	<p><u>Seats / Litter Bins</u></p> <p>Some additional benches and litter bins have been ordered and they will be installed soon.</p>	
5.7	<p><u>Old Nursery Site</u></p> <p>The fencing works have virtually been completed although the contractor is due to return shortly to strength a couple of the retaining posts at the top of the site.</p>	
5.8	<p><u>Inconsiderate Cycling in Southwark Park King's Stairs Gardens</u></p> <p>This subject was discussed in depth at the stakeholders meeting on 25th February and it was felt that if cobbles are to be placed we need to bear in mind wheelchairs users and people who push buggies.</p> <p>John Reid (Park Liaison Officer) has carried out a monitoring operation in both sites and has not found any cyclists causing anyone harassment, alarm or distress. JR has estimated that between 7.30am and 9.15am weekdays approximately 60 to 80 cyclists cut through the park mainly from China Hall to Christchurch Gates, but no 'Fixed Penalty Notices' have had to be issued. Although there is no speed limit for cyclists in Southwark Park, laminated signs have been placed on each gate advising cyclists to slow down and to be aware of pedestrians.</p> <p>During the discussion it was clear Colin's offer to organize through Southwark Cyclists a 'slow down' initiative in Southwark Park had received a very limited response from FOSP members.</p>	
5.9	<p><u>Sports Centre Improvements</u></p> <p>Although no progress has been made to date we will continue to research the possibility of transferring the areas to the grounds maintenance contract, in order to ensure that they are all maintained to the same standard.</p>	
5.10	<p><u>Dangerous Dogs in Southwark Park</u></p> <p>At the recent stakeholders meeting the Park Liaison Officer confirmed the following: - Dogs by law do not have to be on a lead, dog on dog attack is a civil matter, the police will not come out unless the dog has bitten you, by 2016 all dogs must be chipped.</p>	
5.11	<p><u>Damaged Railings near Sports Centre</u></p> <p>Some railings have been damaged recently and they will be repaired as soon as possible.</p>	
5.12	<p><u>The Old Nursery and Designation</u></p>	

	Rebecca Towers has advised that there may be an opportunity to designate the old nursery site as MOL and we are still looking into it.	Rebecca Towers
5.13	<p>Planning Matters Update</p> <p>It appears 'Planning' have been sending notifications to the wrong email address for 'Parks' and this has now been resolved. They have also been advised of the FoSP email address and for future reference the information can be found online using the following link to search for the application that you want. The consultation information is included within the application details (tabbed). http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/485/planning_applications/554/search_the_planning_applications_register</p> <p>In discussion Cllr. Anood al-Samerai expressed her dismay that action she had taken over a year ago to sort out the notifications issue had taken so long to be acted upon. She requested that Andy advise her of any Planning related communications he has received of late.</p>	Andy Chatterton
5.14	<p>King's Stairs Gardens - Fit London Legacy Fund</p> <p>The Senior Lawyer (Legal Services) advised on 5th March that it would take 2-3 weeks for FIT to seal the Deed of Dedication. A site meeting has yet to be arranged, but we will ensure it is scheduled as soon as possible in order to commence the 1st stage of the work. The condition of the entrances at Elephant Lane, Cottle Way and Paradise Street, will be reviewed whilst on site.</p>	Andy Chatterton
5.15	<p>Lifebuoy Stands by the Jubilee Stone</p> <p>The Asset Manager-Structure Engineer will be asked to review the condition of the lifebuoy stands in order to avoid future vandalism, following a report received from Simon Kenward.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.	<p>Website Management</p> <p>Pat reported that David Gee, who has voluntarily managed our website, is now living in Scotland and has asked if somebody else could take on the task. It was agreed to ask members. The meeting also expressed great thanks to David for his work on the website.</p>	
7.	<p>The Southwark Park Act 1864 – 150th Anniversary Event – Pat Kingwell</p> <p>Pat reminded the meeting that 28th April 2014 marks the 150th anniversary of the Southwark Park Act. It was agreed to plan some celebrations and explore funding possibilities.</p>	Pat Kingwell
8.	<p>Bowling Club Update</p> <p>Colin Smith reported that a problem with foxes under the container is being addressed.</p>	
9.	<p>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</p> <p>None raised.</p>	
10.	<p>Planning Matters Update</p> <p>None raised</p>	
11.	<p>Gallery Update</p> <p>None given</p>	
12.	Any Other Business	
12.1	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Ivy Douglas asked about the possibility of an area within the Old Nursery site being allocated to The Friends of Southwark Park to use. It was agreed that Andy and Andrea should look into it, mindful of any implications for The Friends CGS bid for a Master Plan.</p>	Andy Chatterton Andrea Pita
12.2	<p>Rotherhithe Festival</p> <p>Pat reported that the Festival is in King George's Field on Saturday 27th July and that The Friends have taken a stall.</p>	
12.3	<p>Open Air Laboratories Project (OPAL)</p> <p>Pat reported that Eleanor Reast from the Lottery-funded project will be speaking at our May 15th meeting about encouraging volunteers to help with their tree health survey.</p>	
13.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <p>It was agreed to change the next meeting date to Wednesday 24th April 2013 (preceded by walk around Southwark Park from 4.00pm)</p> <p>Wednesday 15th May 2013</p> <p>Wednesday 19th June 2013</p> <p>All at 6.00pm at The Park Office</p>	