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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 19th June 2013 6.00pm at**  
**The Gallery in Southwark Park**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. London Oktoberfest 3-6 October 2013 Update**
- 4. Stalls at Bermondsey Carnival and Rotherhithe Festival**
- 5. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 6. Any Other Business**
- 7. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting  
held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at  
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

**Present:**

Roger Bilder; Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Ivy Douglas; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Gary Meadowcroft(London Borough of Southwark);(Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Eleanor Reast (Open Air Laboratories);Sue Sexton; Colin Smith

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Rose Ades; Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; William Cameron; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Michael Daniels; Gavin Halil (Fusion); Colin Hartridge-Price; Stephanie Lodge; Josie Moore; Jim Saunders; Clare Sexton; Louise Sheridan; Amanda Squires; Susan Vaughan	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013</b> The notes were agreed as a true record apart from following two items:  <u>King's Stairs Gardens/Mayflower Street Desire Line</u> - Jill Gibbs contacted to advise she had not enquired about the bark chippings.  <u>King's Stairs Gardens/Planning Inspectorate submission</u> – KSAG were 'due' to submit rather than 'had'.  The meeting agreed both amendments to the notes.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>London Oktoberfest 3-6 October 2013</b> It was reported that since our last meeting permission had been granted for the event. It was agreed to contact Paul Cowell of Southwark Events for confirmation.	<b>Pat Kingwell</b>
<b>2.1.2</b>	<b>Southwark Park Sports Centre (see also 12.1 below)</b> Following a site meeting by Southwark Council officers Alan Scott (Leisure Contracts and Facilities Officer) sent an e-mail: "Tim Clee, Andy Chatterton, Gavin Halil and myself were able to meet and walk around the perimeter of the athletics track and we discussed or agreed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most importantly for the future of the site, Tim provided an update on the current situation regarding funding. He is optimistic that over the next 4-6 months that funding will be secured and we can start to look to deliver the project.</li> <li>• Tim also spoke with Andy about the plans to hand the strip of land behind the spectator seating back to the park. Tim will speak the head of parks, Rebecca Towers to progress this matter.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gavin (Fusion general manager for Seven Islands Leisure Centre and Southwark Park Sports Centre) confirmed that they have agreed with a contractor to visit the site on a monthly basis. Previous visits have focussed on clearing away an excessive build up of shrubbery that was growing around the main building entrance and more recently to cut back and remove the build up of large weeds in and around the athletics track.</li> <li>• Gavin agreed to ensure that all the grounds to the left and right hand side of the entrance (and stretching just around the left hand corner of the building next to the path) would be fully cut back, properly cleared and tidied up to make the area more presentable to members of the public who walk by on the busy path. Gavin will try to ensure that this work is added on to the schedule of his grounds maintenance contractors who will next be visiting at some point over the next two weeks.</li> <li>• Gavin has also promised to obtain a quote for cutting back and clearing away the long grass that sits between the athletics track and the path that runs parallel to it with the aim of completing that work on a future visit.</li> <li>• Gavin will ensure that his staff continue to remove any litter and debris that collects around the athletics track</li> </ul> <p>We agreed that as the future of site should be confirmed in the coming months that it would be fair for Gavin to concentrate mainly on tidying up the areas listed above which are most visible to the public. Gavin is keen to meet you to establish a constructive relationship so maybe you could both arrange to meet at a convenient time.”</p>	
3.	<p><b>Tree Health Survey Volunteering – Eleanor Reast (Open Air Laboratories Project)</b> Eleanor gave a presentation on OPAL’s Tree Health Survey which had just been launched. The aim is to encourage public participation to help protect trees. It was agreed that Eleanor would send a box of survey packs to Andrea. These could be given out to interested members of the public. It was also agreed to distribute them from our stall at the Bermondsey Carnival and Rotherhithe Festival. Packs can also be downloaded from OPAL’s website <a href="http://www.opalexplornature.org">www.opalexplornature.org</a></p>	Eleanor Reast Andrea Pita Pat Kingwell
4.	<p><b>Southwark Council’s Tree Management Strategy and Southwark Park – Gary Meadowcroft (LBS Tree Services Manager)</b> Gary gave a presentation on the strategy and amongst many points of information he reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 60,000 trees are managed by the Council – some 25k in parks</li> <li>• There are 5 dedicated officers, though presently the Parks Tree Officer is unfilled</li> <li>• There is a budget of c£1m of which c£143k is for parks</li> <li>• Records of all trees are kept through a Tree Management System</li> <li>• Full visual assessments of parks trees take place every 5 years</li> <li>• Southwark Park has no known major tree management issues at the moment</li> </ul> <p>The full strategy may be viewed on: <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/download/.../tree_management_strategy_2013">www.southwark.gov.uk/download/.../tree_management_strategy_2013</a></p>	
5.	<p><b>Cleaner, Greener Safer Applications Update – Gary Glover</b> Gary reported that The Friends had been successful in obtaining grants for The Old Nursery Master Plan (£20k) and New Tennis Courts (£100k). It was agreed to formally thank the Community Council for their support.</p> <p>On the Old Nursery project Max Nakrani is our main Southwark Council contact and the proposed timetable of events is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By 18<sup>th</sup> June consultant tender returns</li> <li>• By 24<sup>th</sup> June consultant interviews</li> <li>• By 28<sup>th</sup> June consultant appointment</li> <li>• By 22<sup>nd</sup> November final Master Plan received</li> </ul> <p>On the tennis courts Southwark Council officers are investigating possibility of securing additional funding from other grant sources. In the discussion it was suggested that a good opportunity now exists to form a Southwark Park Tennis Club.</p>	Pat Kingwell

<b>6.</b>	<b>Park Manager's Report</b> Andrea reported on a number of issues:	
<b>6.1</b>	<u>Southwark Park Hanging Baskets</u> Quadron Services Limited have very kindly agreed to sponsor the continuous provision of the hanging baskets until 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2014.	
<b>6.2</b>	<u>Southwark Park Parkrun / Boot Camp</u> Andrea gave feedback from the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> April and the recent licence applications.	
<b>6.3</b>	<u>Southwark Park Children's Playground – Water Feature</u> The water feature has been repaired and the clock set to operate at various times of the day. Laminated signs will be placed on the adjacent railings indicating times of operation.	
<b>6.4</b>	<u>Southwark Park Bowling Green Maintenance</u> There are no major concerns at present and a meeting is scheduled with representatives from the Bowls Club on 21 <sup>st</sup> May. The minutes of the previous meeting will be produced and circulated within the next two days. A specialist contractor has been on site today to resolve the problem with foxes underneath the grounds maintenance container.	
<b>6.5</b>	<u>Southwark Park Coronation Chestnut Tree</u> New railings will be installed around the tree as discussed during the walkabout at the previous meeting. Browse Bion have advised that a commemorative plaque can be produced and sent to Southwark Park by 17 <sup>th</sup> June, providing the exact wording is confirmed by 21 <sup>st</sup> May, if not beforehand. It is understood there will be an official unveiling of the plaque prior to the evening meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	
<b>6.6</b>	<u>Southwark Park Café – Mosaic</u> Ron Henocq has inspected the mosaic pieces and advised they would serve no further purpose. The pieces will remain in the staff car park for the time being. Andrea reported she had updated Pilgrims Way Primary School on the situation.	
<b>6.7</b>	<u>Southwark Park – Dogs and Good Owner Campaign</u> A Dog fouling event will be held in Southwark Park on 16 <sup>th</sup> June from 11am -3pm and it is hoped that the literature previously provided by Susan Hunter will be available on the day.	
<b>6.8</b>	<u>King's Stairs Gardens Lighting –Cottle Way</u> Lamp column No 20 operates intermittently early evenings but cuts out at 10pm. The fault has been logged on the customer enquiry system for action as soon as possible.	
<b>6.9</b>	<u>King's Stairs Gardens - Grounds Maintenance Issues</u> The desire line which leads to Mayflower Street will be reviewed soon in order to agree reinstatement works.  A site meeting will also be arranged soon with the Repairs & Maintenance Manager to discuss extending the rail along Cottle Way and to consider other remedial works.	
<b>6.10</b>	<u>King's Stairs Gardens - Fit London Legacy Fund</u> The new meadow areas are currently being created and the plants have been ordered for the new borders, to increase biodiversity and to help butterflies and bees. It is envisaged that the borders will be planted up by a couple of volunteers with the support of the Southwark Park Head Gardener, within the next couple of weeks.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>The Southwark Park Act 1864 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Pat Kingwell</b> Pat had invited several local schools to participate and was awaiting reply. He expects to submit a bid to HLF in June.  Andrea reported Browse Bion have provided costs for two options for the supply and fitting of six interpretation boards. Free standing lanterns with coloured photographs size 900mm x 300mm H = £7,800 or monochrome = £6,600 plus a fitting charge of £888-75. Following a review of the area along the western boundary, costs will be obtained for the provision of suitable shrubs to plant along the area. It is believed that volunteers and schools could participate in the preparation and planting operation next year.	<b>Pat Kingwell</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Bowling Club Update - Colin Smith</b> Colin reported on the very successful centenary celebration match with Finsbury Park on 4th May and thanked Parks Team and The Friends for their support.	

9.	<b>King's Stairs Gardens Issues – see also 6.8 - 6.10 above</b> <u>Mayflower Street Desire Line</u> Roger Bilder asked for views and it was agreed to hold a site meeting with Parks staff.	
10.	<b>Gallery Update</b> Andrea reported that a Dilston Grove site meeting took place on 29 <sup>th</sup> April and we are currently waiting for a contractor to provide a quotation to undertake remedial works to the wall. A cycle rack will be ordered and installed as soon as possible, at the agreed location.	
11.	<b>Planning Matters Update – Scout House</b> Rydon Construction Company emailed an update. They have had pre-application discussions with Southwark Planners and are awaiting feedback. Tracy Bradwell will be leading on the project for Rydon and is aware of our request for more details of the scheme.	
12.	<b>Outstanding Issues</b>	
12.1	<u>Southwark Park Sports Centre Boundary – Hawkstone Road</u> Andrea reported a site meeting took place on 9 <sup>th</sup> May and Gavin Halil (Seven Islands Leisure Centre Manager) has agreed to focus on getting the areas close to the boundary fence tidied up within the next two weeks and will arrange for a quotation to be provided to cut and clear the arisings from the grass area between the athletics track and the path. Gavin will also ensure that his staff continue to remove any litter and debris that collects around the athletics track. Property have been instructed to amend the lease regarding the strip of land.	
12.2	<u>Southwark Park Old Nursery Planning Designation and QE2 Status</u> Andrea reported the QE2 bid is due to be submitted and Parks have recommended the Old Nursery site be designated as Metropolitan Open Land in the new Southwark Plan.	
12.3	<u>Southwark Park Former Lodge Lower Road</u> Andrea reported planting has taken place by the above and also by the barren area in front of Maydew House. We had previously planned to engage volunteers for this, but due to the severe weather conditions the work eventually had to be undertaken by the park static team.	
12.4	<u>Former Social Club 386 Southwark Park Road</u> Andrea reported the integrity of the park boundary will be dealt with through planning, in order to ensure there has been no loss of land.	
12.5	<u>Southwark Park Mayor of London Trees</u> Gary Meadowcroft (Tree Services Manager) gave an update and agreed to supply a tree for 150 years of the park for The Mayor of London to plant.	Gary Meadowcroft
13.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
13.1	<b>Thanks to Gardeners</b> Josie Moore had alerted us to actions taken by two young gardeners who came to the aid of a trapped dog in Southwark Park Sports Centre. It was agreed to write to Quadron to register our appreciation.	Pat Kingwell
13.2	<b>Queen's Voluntary Award Visit</b> Gary Magold has arranged a visit to Southwark Park by Mrs. Jenny Bianco, Deputy Lieutenant for Southwark on 30 <sup>th</sup> May. The Friends may be nominated for an award.	Gary Magold
13.3	<b>Croquet Club</b> We received an email from Pauline Adenwalla congratulating The Friends on securing funding for new tennis courts. She also asked if it might be possible to establish a croquet club. The meeting thought this a good idea and agreed to write to Pauline with our support.	Pat Kingwell
13.4	<b>Friends of Parks Conference 29<sup>th</sup> June at Dulwich Park</b> It was agreed that Gary Magold and Pat Kingwell would attend.	Pat Kingwell Gary Magold
14.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b> <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 6.00pm at The Gallery</b> <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 6.00pm at The Park Office</b> <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Annual General Meeting - 6.00pm at The Park Office</b>	