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Committee Members

Sharon Bassey
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Gary Glover (Chairperson)
Ron Henocq (Assistant Treasurer)
Marjorie Hill (Assistant Treasurer)

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Gary Magold (Treasurer)
Jean Mulholland (Membership Secretary)
Gerard Purcell
Sue Sexton
Amanda Squires (Vice-Chairperson)
Susan Vaughan

**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 18th September 2014
6.00pm at
The Tri Space Gallery
N001 The Biscuit Factory
Tower Bridge Business Complex
Drummond Rd, SE16 4DG**

Agenda

1. Apologies

Annual General Meeting

- 2. Notes of Annual General Meeting of 18th September 2013 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Annual Report 2013/2014 (attachment 2)**
- 4. Election of Officers 2014/15**
 - 4.1 Chairperson**
 - 4.2 Vice-Chairperson**
 - 4.3 Secretary**
 - 4.4 Treasurer**
 - 4.5 Assistant Treasurers x 2**
 - 4.6 Membership Secretary**
- 5. Election of Six (6) Committee Members**

General Meeting

- 6. Notes of General Meeting of 16th July 2014 and Matters Arising (attachment 3)**
- 7. Park Manager's Report**
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 9. Dates of Future Meetings**

INTERVAL

- 10. 'It's Our Park' – premiere of Stewart Morgan's documentary film about Southwark Park**

Attachment 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting
held on 18th September 2013 at
The Gallery Southwark Park**

In attendance:

Present: Sharon Bassegy; Roger Bilder; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Ivy Douglas; Dave Fisher; Paul Harrison (Harrison Design-Development); Mick Hannon; Marjorie Hill; Andrew Keckwick; Pat Kingwell; Nick Lane; Cllr. Richard Livingstone; D. Mackinnon (Quadron); Gary Magold; Jean Mulholland; Max Nakrani (London Borough of Southwark); Cllr. Wilma Nelson; Lynne Olding (Quadron); Adrian Pearson (Lloyd Evans Pritchard Architects); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Tracy Scales; Gerard Purcell; Jim Saunders; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Paul Toal (Quadron); Susan Vaughan; George Witsey

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; William Cameron; Gary Glover; Simon Hughes, M.P.; Stephanie Lodge; Cllr. Eliza Mann; Josie Moore; Louise Sheridan	
2.	Notes of Annual General Meeting of 19th September 2012 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Former Lodge Lower Road Andy Chatterton reported that suitable planting had been carried out to maintain the integrity of the boundary.	
3.	Annual Report 2012/13 and Matters Arising The Annual Report outlined the actions taken by The Friends to promote, protect, enhance and develop community partnerships over the previous year. It reported on the number of meetings held and also that The Friends account is in funds. The report was accepted and it was agreed to circulate copies in the community.	Pat Kingwell
3.1	Forest Schools It was agreed to add a reference to the Annual Report about Forest Schools.	Pat Kingwell
4.	Election of Officers Officers for 2013/14 were agreed as follows: Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Amanda Squires; Secretary: Pat Kingwell; Treasurer: Gary Magold; Assistant Treasurers: Ron Henocq and Marjorie Hill; Membership Secretary: Jean Mulholland	
5.	Election of Committee Members Committee Members for 2013/14 were agreed as follows: Sharon Bassegy; Roger Bilder; Dave Fisher; Jean Cunliffe; Gerard Purcell; Sue Sexton; Susan Vaughan	
6.	Any Other Business	
6.1	West Lane Memorial Gardens Gary Magold moved a resolution that FOSP adopt the War Memorial Gardens. The resolution was seconded by Cllr. Eliza Mann and agreed. The Constitution of the Friends to be amended accordingly and our intentions notified to Rebecca Towers, Head of Parks and Barrie Hargrove, the Cabinet Member for Environment.	Pat Kingwell



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The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2013/14

Our aims and objectives are the promotion, protection and enhancement of Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens, King George's Field and West Lane Memorial Gardens, to be achieved in partnership with other organisations and the wider community.

Promotion– over the past year we:

- Fully supported the successful Green Flag application for Southwark Park
- Produced 'Kid's Park', a free nature trail leaflet for children,
- Ran a programme of activities and events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Southwark Park Act 1864
- Arranged a free guided tour of the Ada Salter Garden on 10th May 2014, led by Head Gardener, Lynne Olding
- Commemorated the 130th anniversary of Jabez West's death on 13th May 2014
- Took a stall at the Norwegian Bicentennial Day in Southwark Park on 17th May 2014
- Sponsored a free public talk on urban parks by Dr. Ken Worpole on 21st May 2014
- Organised the Bobby Abel Cricket Cup competition for local primary schools in Southwark Park on 22nd May 2014
- Gave a free public talk on 19th June 2014, '145 Years of Southwark Park', as part of Southwark Council's Adult Learners Week
- On 21st June 2014 spoke about Southwark Park at the Council's annual Friends of Parks Conference
- Sponsored a free public talk on trees and plants of Southwark Park, led by our member Nick Lane on 22nd June 2014
- Took an active part in the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park on 28th June 2014 by running a stall and organising traditional children's games and a story-acting circle, 'Story Bubbles'
- Took a stall at the Rotherhithe Festival in King George's Field on 5th July 2014
- Sponsored a free public talk about Bobby Abel by Professor David Kynaston on 16th July 2014
- On 19th July 2014 ran a free demonstration 'Bee Experience' in Southwark Park, led by our member, Sharon Bassey,

- Organised the ‘Southwark Park 150’ photography and art exhibition in the gallery which ran from 16th-24th August 2014
- On 17th August 2014 gave a free guided walk ‘Southwark Park and the World Wars’, led by Gary Magold and Pat Kingwell
- Organised a bandstand concert to commemorate the centenary of the First World War on 24th August 2014, featuring the Southwark Concert Band
- On the same day supported the establishment of an annual cricket match between Southwark Park C.C and Burgess Park C.C., and the reintroduction of putting and croquet for one day
- Ran a bat walk in Southwark Park, led by Jon Best, the Council’s Ecology Officer, on 27th August 2014
- Produced a ‘It’s Our Park’, a film about Southwark Park, directed by Stewart Morgan
- Maintained our reach into the local community and beyond through our website www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/. Many thanks to David Gee for his voluntary help in managing the site for several years and to Malcolm Taylor, who has agreed to take over from him.

Protection– over the past year we:

- Added the West Lane Memorial Gardens to our remit and successfully worked with Council and Quadron Services officers to improve the planting and maintenance of the site
- Registered our views on a number of planning applications with potential impact on Southwark Park, including proposed developments at Millstream House; Maydew House and The Lodge extension
- Contributed to the revised Canada Water Area Action Plan
- Called for action on a range of practical issues in Southwark Park, including care of trees near 386 Southwark Park Road; hanging baskets on the bandstand; the gutters on the carriageway drive; Jabez West fountain water supply; Preservation Orders for trees near Scout House; dangerous cycling; the playground slide planting and self-closing gates; and the clearance of algae and blanket weed from the lake
- Sought clarification about the Council’s policy on memorials in parks
- Monitored repair works in Southwark Park, including the former Swedish Church boundary wall and the paving works at Dilston Grove
- Once again opposed a fun fair in Southwark Park, unless it is part of a wider community event
- Offered feedback and constructive suggestions about how to improve the Fireworks Display in Southwark Park
- Continued to press the case for enforcement action over unapproved access gates and ways into Southwark Park from neighbouring properties
- Continued to press for a solution to the problematic commuter parking in Southwark Park
- Called for improvements in King’s Stairs Gardens, including lighting; rectification of damage to the Fields in Trust oak tree and curbs on cycling near The Angel pub
- Continued to back the Save King’s Stairs Gardens Action Group in their campaign against Thames Water’s Thames Tideway Tunnel proposals

Enhancement – over the past year we:

- Planted some ‘Southwark Park 150’ commemorative trees on the eastern boundary of Southwark Park, led by our Patron Simon Hughes M.P. and Mrs. Jenny Bianco, The Representative Deputy Lieutenant
- Agreed with Parks the design for some new gates at Dilston Grove entrance
- Achieved more seats and litter bins in Southwark Park
- Called for more bicycle racks in Southwark Park
- Continued to call for the completion of the Old Nursery Master Plan which has fallen behind schedule
- Publicised the Council’s Dog in Parks survey
- Successfully campaigned for the relocation of David Backhouse’s sculpture ‘Family of Dolphins’ to Southwark Park lake
- Backed the return of boating on Southwark Park lake for the summer months
- Worked with the Parks team to install the first ever information board at the Jabez West fountain
- Supported planning applications which we consider will benefit Southwark Park greatly, such as the refurbishment of the Sports Centre and the provision of two new tennis courts
- Helped secure improvements to King’s Stairs Gardens, including dual purpose waste bins; boundary fencing with St. Peter’s and The Guardian Angel Church; damaged railings near BOSCO; ‘no motorcycling’ signs at Cottle Way; Fulford Street wooden retaining wall; and bat boxes and a beetle loggery

Partnerships and Community – over the past year we:

- Hosted 70 young volunteers in Southwark Park in September 2013 as part of the National Citizenship Service Action Day
- Laid a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service in November 2013
- Supported a corporate volunteers event in the nature garden on 23rd January 2014
- Attended the Boer War re-dedication service at St. James’ Church on 16th February 2014
- Continued our excellent relationship with Southwark Park Bowling Club, who kindly hosted two public talks in the pavilion. We supported their successful call for a new equipment shed
- Maintained our long and close relationship with The Gallery, which hosted our ‘Southwark Park 150’ exhibition. Thanks to Ron Henocq, Vivien Harland and all the staff
- Continued to support Bermondsey Beat in putting on the music for the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park. Thanks as ever to Phil Burkett and Russell Dryden
- Through the ‘Southwark Park 150’ programme developed relationships with several organisations, including: 1st Southwark Park Brownies; Bede Centre; London Bubble Theatre; London PE and Sport Network; Rainbow Arts and Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society
- Received vital project funding from Bermondsey Square Community Fund; Metropolitan Public Gardens Association; North Southwark Environment Trust; Rotherhithe Consolidated Charities; Rotherhithe Festival Group; United St. Saviour’s Charity and The Woodland Trust
- Worked well with Quadron Services Ltd. who kindly sponsored hanging baskets in Southwark Park and whose staff have given us their full support

- Backed several organised events in Southwark Park, including the Bermondsey Carnival; the London City Athletics Run; PB Race Events' Run; and Cancer Research's 'Shine' Night Walk
- Welcomed various organisations to our meetings with a view to developing future links, including Shad Thames Rugby Union Football Club; Blue Cross Mobile Animal Clinic and Southwark Park Cricket Club
- Worked closely with Riverside Ward councillors to secure funding for the children's playground water feature
- Maintained our excellent partnership with Southwark Council's Parks Team. Thanks to Andy Chatterton, Andrea Pita and all colleagues

Officers and Committee 2013/14

We thank the following people who served: Sharon Basse; Roger Bilder; Jean Cunliffe; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Ron Henocq (assistant treasurer); Marjorie Hill (assistant treasurer); Pat Kingwell (secretary); Gary Magold (treasurer); Jean Mulholland (membership); Gerard Purcell; Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires (vice-chair); and Susan Vaughan.

Meetings 2013/2014

The following meetings were held:

18th September 2013	Annual General Meeting
16 th October 2013	General Meeting
20th November 2013	General Meeting
15th January 2014	General Meeting
19 th February 2014	General Meeting
19 th March 2014	General Meeting
16 th April 2014	General Meeting
15 th May 2014	No meeting - Talk by Ken Worpole
18th June 2014	General Meeting
17 th July 2014	General Meeting and Talk by David Kynaston

Membership

We have 529 individuals on our member database.

Finances

Our account is in funds.

Pat Kingwell
Secretary
29 August 2014

**Notes of General Meeting
Wednesday 16th July 2014 6.00pm at
The Bowling Club Pavilion, Southwark Park**

Present: F. Anslow; F. Bowman; Alfie Butler; Carol Butler; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Monika Drozd (Bluebird Boats); D. Eische; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Debra Gosling; Julie Grace; Marjorie Hill; Rupert Hill; Pat Kingwell; Martin Kovats; Duncan Mackinnon; Gary Magold; Diane Monk; Josie Moore; Stewart Morgan; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); John Reid (Quadron); Jim Saunders; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith;; George Witsey. Several more members of the public joined the meeting for David Kynaston's talk.

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1.	Apologies Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Roger Bilder; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Ron Henocq and Stephanie Lodge Amanda Squires	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 18th June 2014 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Southwark Park Sports Centre It was reported that a briefing had gone out to consultation with Councillors and that a planning application was due soon.	
2.1.2	Cancer Research 'Shine' Night Walk It was reported the event is still out for consultation. It was agreed to get an update for the next meeting.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.3	Old Nursery Master Plan Update It was reported that although FOSP had supplied representatives to the Council a Project Team meeting had yet to be convened. It was agreed to ask Max Nakrani for an update.	Pat Kingwell
3.	Park Manager's Report Andre reported on behalf of Andy Chatterton:	
3.1	Southwark Park - Children's Playground – Kids Water Feature Ustigate have advised that the water feature is expected to be operational by 21 st July, in time for the schools summer holidays.	
3.2	Southwark Park – Children's Playground Slide Area The New Burgess Park Director is due to provide contact details of a known contractor who has undertaken similar landscape works for other local authorities.	Andy Chatterton
3.3	Southwark Park – Traffic Management Review In order to reduce commuter / commercial vehicle parking, the Jamaica Gates and Hawkstone Road Car Park Gates are now opened at 8am.	
3.4	Southwark Park – Cycling Racks We are currently researching provision and prices from a supplier.	Andy Chatterton
3.5	Southwark Park – Memorials Policy A copy of the memorials policy will be provided as soon as possible.	Andy Chatterton
3.6	Southwark Park – Boundaries and Unauthorised Gates No further progress has been made at present to resolve the unauthorized gaps in front of boundary and private gates.	Andy Chatterton
3.7	Southwark Park – Dolphins Sculpture An alternative lake piling contractor is being sought as the original one is not able to do the job.	
3.8	Southwark Park - Scout House Planning Application No further action has been taken.	
3.9	Kings Stairs Gardens No items to report on	
4.	Any Other Business	
4.1	Football Players	

	Comments were made about the behaviour of some footballers in the Hawkstone car park. A debate followed in which differing viewpoints were expressed.	
4.2	Southwark Park Cricket Club Martin Kovats spoke about a public meeting on 28 th July called to re-establish the old club. The meeting wished the venture well and asked Martin to report back on progress.	Martin Kovats
4.3	Cycling in the Park Comments were made about the behaviour of some cyclists in the park. A debate followed in which differing viewpoints were expressed and various solutions suggested, but without any firm agreement over action being reached.	
4.4	Boating on the Lake Monika Drozd reported positively on progress to date, reading out several warm customer responses. A debate followed in which differing viewpoints were expressed about the impact on wildlife. It was agreed to ask Jon Best the Council's Ecology Officer for an assessment.	Pat Kingwell Jon Best
4.5	First Aid Jim Saunders reported on an incident where a park user was suspected of having a heart attack and it had not been possible to contact the appropriate park staff.	
5..	Dates of Future Meetings <u>Annual General Meeting</u> Wednesday 17th September 2014-- 6.00pm at The Gallery <u>General Meetings</u> Wednesday 16 th October 2014 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 20 th November 2014 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 21 st January 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 18 th February 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 18 th March 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 15 th April 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 20 th May 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 17 th June 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 15 th July 2015 - 6.00pm at The Park Office	
6.	David Kynaston Talk on Bobby Abel David gave a very interesting talk about 'The Guv'nor' which was very much appreciated by all who attended.	