

Friends of Finchley Way Open Space



Minutes of Trustees meeting 16 July 2024

Present: Richard Bartholomew, Arlette Garcia, Karen Goodman (Treasurer), Suzanne King (Chair), Samuel Levy.

Apologies: Nick Dimant, Hilda de Souza, Simon Dukes, Ross Houston, Danny Rich.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted.

2. Financial report

There was currently £4,123.07 in the bank.

3. Trustees

Arlete Garcia, Karen Goodman and Ross Houston all need to confirm whether or not they want to stand for re-election when their terms expire in December.

Suzanne will confirm with each and run an online vote. Terms will run for three years from 17 December 2024. **ACTION SK**

4. Future Projects

It was agreed to hold an on-site meeting of trustees to discuss:

- future planting in the Willow Tree area
- siting of the new information board on trees.
- the replanting the honeysuckle to grow along ropes between poles rather than replacing the field maple at the rear of the site and whether or not volunteers are able to do this
- the removal or partial removal of the wicker fencing round the wildflowers.

Suzanne is to arrange a date for the on-site meeting. **ACTION SK**

Following Suzanne and Samuel's meeting with the tree officer, the following was agreed:

- the pruning of some trees to allow more light into some areas and to improve sight lines;
- the removal of dead trees;
- the removal of some weak trees to allow other to flourish;
- an outline plan for a larger funding application in June 2025.

The removal is likely to be done in the autumn by contractors. Volunteers and Trustees to do the pruning also in the autumn.

It was also agreed that there are potential areas that could be left to grass, as requested by the Greenspaces Officer. Suzanne will discuss this with him.

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ACTION SK

5. Pump

The new pump works well. The old one will be sold for scrap. **ACTION KG**

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6. Green flag

It was agreed to further explore applying for a Community Green Flag.

7. Dates of next Board meetings

Wednesday, 9 October (online). Please note this is a change from the original date.

8. AOB

There was no AOB.