



Minutes of Trustees ordinary quarterly meeting 3rd July 2023

Welcome

Present: Richard Bartholomew, Nick Dimant (Deputy Chair), Simon Duke, Arlette Garcia, Karen Goodman (Treasurer), Suzanne King (Chair), Samuel Levy,

Apologies: Ross Houston, Danny Rich, Hilda de Souza

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted and will now be posted on the FoFWOS website.

ACTION KG

2. Financial report

Karen reported that there was £4,140 cash in the bank and there was enough money for ongoing needs. Following the success of the Area Committee application the order has been raised for BWS to start work on the paths and fencing.

3. Trustees

Suzanne reported that we were still waiting to hear if Danny wants to re-apply as a Trustee.

4. Friends open meeting

Richard suggested that a Friends open meeting be held on the site to meet the Trustees and include a tour and opportunity to learn what we are doing and exchange views. It was agreed that this would be held on 13th August 11.30 am - 1.00 pm. Volunteer work will go ahead from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, as usual.

ACTION ALL

5. Current projects

5.1 Orchard

It was agreed that the alder was definitely dead and that we should go for a rowan instead due to the success of the existing one. It was also agreed that there would be a walkway along the length of the brick wall bordering the orchard.

5.2 Green field and Copse

It was agreed that the bramble in the seeded area needs controlling. It was generally agreed that many of the whips are doing well.



5.3 Pump

Karen reported that an engineer had investigated the pump and in their opinion, it was broken beyond economic repair. It was suggested that a plastic pump would be more appropriate and only cost about £30 - £50. It was agreed that we need to research who could give best advice on buying a replacement pump.

ACTION SK/KG

6. Future projects

6.1 Bulb planting

It was agreed that we would continue bulb planting and need to choose what bulbs to order. It was agreed that we would have a bulb meeting on the field on Tuesday 18th July at 5 pm so as to have enough time to order the bulbs for the planting season.

ACTION SK/AG/RB/KG

6.2 Plant planting

It was agreed that more plants should be planted and this would be decided in conjunction with the bulb planting.

6.3 Fernery

It was agreed to move the fernery to the opposite entrance to the Orchard by the storage area.

6.4 Bog garden

It was agreed that Arlette would plan the new bog garden and that Samuel would help by providing a list of plants that would be appropriate.

ACTION AG/SL

7. Insect survey

Samuel reported that it was encouraging that a wide range of butterflies, bees and wasps were making use of the new mounds. He agreed to give a list of the species he has identified.

ACTION SL

8. AOB

To help the Trustees understand how to best interact with Barnet Council, Suzanne outlined the structure of the Council and the various group within it. It was agreed we would continue to work constructively with the Council.

Suzanne reported that we were still waiting to hear the outcome of the lottery application.