Friends of Finchley Way Open Space



July 2025 Ordinary Meeting

29 July 2025 at 8.00 pm

Location: Online

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

Houston, George Karaolis, Hilda de Souza

Apologies: None.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

2. Financial report

Karen circulated the current financial position. The overall balance is £3,831.39.

3. Trustees

On behalf of all Trustees, Suzanne expressed her thanks to Hilda whose term has come to an end for her time and effort.

The need to find new Trustees was discussed. It was agreed that George would post on the Finchley Way and Hamilton Way WhatsApp groups and Karen would post on WFRA Facebook.

ACTION GK/KG

4. Future projects

4.1 New area

It was agreed that more ground cover plants were needed, including more lavender and that the willow would be pollarded as previously agreed. All this to be done in the Autumn. It was agreed that Arlette would suggest suitable plants and that Karen would purchase.

ACTION AG/KG

4.2 Fernery

It was agreed that 5 or 6 more ferns would be purchased for the area and to slightly enlarge it.

ACTION RB/KG

4.3 Wheelbarrow

It was agreed that a new wheelbarrow would be purchased and the two old wheelbarrows sent for recycling.

ACTION SK/KG

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4.4 Gabions

It was agreed that the gabions should be planted up in the Autumn. It was agreed that 2 bags of compost and some of the existing sand mix be used. Arlette would be suggesting suitable plants, such as stonecrop and houseleeks ACTION AG/KG

4.5 Maintenance work

It was agreed that the wildlife area needed to be suitably managed to ensure no plants became over dominant. It was agreed that there should be a late Autumn trim, followed by seed sowing using the original mix in the Spring.

5 Work party leadership

Suzanne went through the key duties of work party leadership and circulated the Leaders' presentation.

6. Dates of 2025 Board meetings

New date of 15th October agreed for the last meeting for Suzanne, Richard and Samuel.

7. AOB

7.1 Bulbs

It was agreed that more bulbs would be planted in the Spring.

7.2 Geological Survey

It was agreed that Suzanne would contact Andrew and Matthew at LBB about the possibility of getting a geological survey done of the raised area of the Field.

7.3 iRecord or iNaturalist

Samuel suggested we should start using the iRecord or iNaturalist apps to record flora and fauna present at FWOS. It was agreed that those people interested in these apps should do so.

7.4 Planning Committee

Ross reported that there would be fewer meetings of the Planning Committee with 3 times a year now under the new arrangements, but environmental issues would still be looked on favourably.