



# Minutes of Trustees ordinary quarterly meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

## Welcome

Present: Richard Bartholomew, Nick Dimant (Deputy Chair), Arlette Garcia, Karen Goodman (Treasurer), Ross Houston, Suzanne King (Chair), Hilda de Souza (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: Danny Rich, Samuel Levy, Simon Duke

## 1. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted and will now be posted on the FoFWOS website.

**ACTION KG**

## 2. Financial report

Karen summarised the financial position. There was £3,931 cash in the bank, all of which was unrestricted apart from £89.

## 3. Trustees

The Trustees agreed that Karen and Suzanne should continue as administrators for the Charity Commission.

### 3.1 Re-election of Danny Rich

It was recorded that Danny had been unanimously re-elected as a Trustee and Suzanne has agreed to inform Danny.

**ACTION SK**

### 3.2 End of year lunch

It was agreed that we would meet up at the Elephant Inn for drinks on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023. There would also be mulled wine etc on the Field at the end of the last work session of the year. It was agreed that Karen would check with parents or junior volunteers.

**ACTION KG**

## 4. Open Day

It was agreed that due to the low uptake and the amount of work that was involved that there was no need to continue having an Open Day. It was also agreed that the moment had passed to try and have an opening ceremony from the Mayor.



### 5. Current Projects

#### 5.1 Organising work parties

It was agreed that Richard, Arlette and Karen would organise work parties in future and that Suzanne would just come for the last half hour.

**ACTION RB/AG/KG**

#### 5.2 Trees

It was agreed that in the light of the Woodland Condition Assessment, Arlette would suggest some shrubs to build up the middle canopy layer together with some lower growing plants to put around the willow. It was agreed that Arlette would circulate the species list for agreement. Once agreed, she would then propose a planting plan. Arlette also agreed to do signs to help guide the bulb planting planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> October work party.

**ACTION AG**

It was agreed that signs describing the native trees would be designed after next summer when we would have a range of photos showing the seasonal changes in the trees. Richard and Arlette offered to take photos.

**ACTION RB/AG**

##### 5.2.1 Dead trees

Suzanne summarised the position regarding the dead trees as described in the agenda.

##### 5.2.2 Additional tree removal

It was agreed that the large tree in the wildflower area would be kept.

##### 5.2.3 Additional clearance in the Orchard

It was agreed that we would keep the willow and remove the dead branches. It was also agreed that the brambles around the willow would be cleared and replacing with a lower planting scheme (see 5.2 above.)

#### 5.3 Planting

The way forward with the bulb planting this autumn was agreed.

#### 5.4 Camera trap

It was agreed that a camera trap would be useful and interesting. It was agreed that Nick would ask at the Network committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October if it would be GDPR compliant.

**ACTION ND**

### 6. Water

#### 6.1 Pump

It was agreed that Karen would look at getting a new plastic pump and explore other options ready for the next meeting in January.

**ACTION KG**



## Friends of Finchley Way Open Space

### 6.2 Water quality

It was agreed that Nick would order a water testing kit. It was recognised that this might not be truly definitive but at least would provide some kind of indication. [Update: ordered 3<sup>rd</sup> October]

**ACTION ND**

## 7. Future projects

### 7.1 Third information board

It was agreed that this would be put on hold until the Spring/Summer. Arlette offered to do the design work.

**ACTION AG**

### 7.2 Green Flag

We agreed in principle that we would try and gain the accreditation. However, if in the light of experience it proved too onerous we would stop the process. It was agreed that there would be an assessment in late October or November to see if this would be achievable. Ross pointed out that if expenditure was involved we could put in an Area Committee bid or apply for some other grant.

**ACTION SK**

### 7.3 Fernery

It was agreed that this would be on hold for now.

### 7.4 Bog garden

It was agreed that this would be on hold for now.

## 8. Contact details

It was agreed that we would leave the current address and telephone number in place.

## 9. Dates of 2024 Board meetings

It was agreed that Suzanne would circulate a proposed list of dates.

**ACTION SK**

## 10. AOB

It was agreed that we would use the same annual consultation questionnaire as last year to achieve continuity. It would be distributed at the end of October, together with signs being put up on the gates.

**ACTION KG**