

Friends of Finchley Way Open Space



Minutes of Trustees meeting 9 October 2024

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

Apologies: Nick Dimant, Hilda de Souza, Ross Houston.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted.

2. Financial report

There was currently £4,045 in the bank.

3. Trustees

Arlette Garcia, Karen Goodman and Ross Houston were all re-elected as trustees for a further three year term starting immediately when their current terms end in December 2023.

Danny Rich was thanked for his support and it was noted that he has stepped down as a trustee due to pressure of other duties.

Three trustees stand down in December 2024 and there are currently up to three spaces for trustees. Plus, the Chair wishes to stand down before the end of her term in December 2025 due to ill health. And the Deputy Chair wishes to stand down from that position, while remaining a trustee.

It was therefore agreed to have a big push to recruit new trustees over the autumn and spring with a view to having new trustees in place by the April Board meeting. It was agreed to try to recruit a Chair and a Secretary but to make the workload flexible such that Co-Chairs, etc. would be acceptable. The process was agreed but some changes to the advert were suggested. The revised draft will be agreed by the Executive Committee.

ACTION: SK

The advert will be widely circulated to all those on the mailing list with notices on the site gates and elsewhere as appropriate.

ACTION KG/SK

4. Green flag

It was agreed to take forward the application for a Community Green Flag.

ACTION SK

It was subsequently discovered that FoFWOS might not be eligible to apply for the Community Award. The Chair is exploring this further.

ACTION SK

5. Annual consultation

It was agreed to run the consultation starting immediately with a closing date end November. Suzanne has already prepared the questionnaire. Suzanne to write covering email and Karen to distribute to the mailing list, to put on the website and to produce posters for the gates and one or two other locations.

ACTION SK/KG

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6. Newsletter

There is less and less new to report, so it was agreed that the newsletter will be occasional rather than specifically quarterly and shorter when there are definite things to report. However, the need to keep in regular touch with Friends was acknowledged.

7. Trees

The new information board on trees is ready for installation. A position was agreed and it was installed the following morning.

8. 2024 Christmas event

It was agreed to hold an end of year event at the Bohemia in North Finchley from 7pm on 11 December. Those attending will pay for themselves and may order food, if they wish. No kitty or rounds. A table will be booked. **ACTION ?**

9. Dates of next Board meetings

It was agreed that Suzanne will circulate dates for meetings in 2025. **ACTION SK**

10. AOB

It was agreed that the artifacts that have been found on the site and the drawing by a neighbour will be deposited in the Finchley Society archive.

11. For information

11.1 Becoming an LBB supplier

FoFWOS is now a supplier on LBB's list. This means that for purchases for small amounts of money agreed with Andrew Arliss (the Greenspaces Development Officer) we will buy and pay for them and then invoice LBB to be reimbursed.

11.2 Tree maintenance

The tree contractors are coming to do work agreed with LBB tree department. Suzanne will be on site with them to manage the work.

11.3 The Orchard

Since the meeting work on the newly planned area has been completed.

11.4 Website

The Home page has been updated. Mainly shortened so it works better on mobiles.

11.5 Fly tipping

Since the meeting an onsite meeting has been held with LBB teams to clear some fly tipping in the Copse.