# FOLP meeting notes 17th June

Present: Carl Kowsky, Blake Gilchrist, Jeff Hale, Jan Fitzpatrick, Julia Barfield, Linda Suggate, Claire Jostins

1. **Apologies**:
Ben Linton, Hamish, Nickie Bell, Christian Laflamme, Karan Pencholi
2. **Police report**:
No reps available to attend, no report/update received.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** 13th May approved.
4. Update on **Larkhall Park development sites**. FOLP have heard that Clarion (preferred/selected contractor for redevelopment) have recently appointed a new managing director. We have also heard reports that Clarion may have pulled out of a development in Islington, which has raised concerns. Julia to contact Cllr Wilson/Cllr Bennett to find out more. [For reference, the FOLP working group currently liaising with Lambeth on this project are JB, CK, LS, BG]
5. **Café**. Planning application still being reviewed by Lambeth.
6. **Changing rooms**. Redevelopment work may start before Stockwell Festival meaning FOLP may not be able to use as base for volunteers etc. Carl to contact Caroline Streaks to confirm start dates. Email Yvonne Hardy about possibility of using One O’clock Club as alternative.
7. **Larks Community Garden**. More reports of plant thefts. Also reports of plants being vandalised in wider park area. Suggestion to design notices to put in noticeboards and near affected areas warning people about thefts and areas now being monitored. BG to look at possible short-term options. FOLP to talk to Kevin Crooke about possible wider CCTV plan for park.
8. **Community Clean up (Jan)**. No new dates currently planned (other activities are dealing with some aspects of this such as CP litter picking).
9. **Community weeding** (Linda). Big problem with weeds in Priory Grove and Wandsworth Road areas. Suggestion to set up regular sessions (bi-weekly), advertise in advance. See how this goes. Linda/Jan to send proposed longer term schedule to FOLP but first proposed date of Saturday 29th June for Wandsworth Road and Priory Grove entrances at 10am. Also issues with watering. Current situation not manageable long term. Linda has written to Kevin about issue to try and solve. Issues with piles of removed foliage/weeds. Jan contacted Kevin to discuss.
10. **Community Payback scheme**. Committee extended thanks for the recent CP work, including bluebell planting (some minor suggestions from Linda about spacing, relayed to Jan to pass on to Ben/Dianne). Suggestion to create a shared FOLP document with a schedule of suggested CP work/areas to increase visibility and maintain alignment going forwards. Agreed it may be useful to discuss/define what type of work is best suited for CP activities. E.g. some finer weeding requirements may be more challenging/less suitable for CP than FOLP volunteer sessions? Also need to consider biodiversity-sensitive areas. Alex Draper (Lambeth Officer) to update FOLP on biodiversity plan so we can plan/map. Claire suggested contacting Lambeth about removing dilapidated brick wall opposite number 85 Priory Grove to deter anti-social behaviour.
11. **New Planting Fund**. 11th/12th May, planting activities both days at Priory Grove– plants funded by Mayor’s Fund. 1st/2nd/8th June, planting at Wandsworth Road and Priory Grove, plants funded by Public Investment Levy (PIL). Huge thanks to all volunteers who helped with deliveries and planting activities. Everything is now in except for six trees which Linda has contacted Lambeth about (they are currently still in storage at Oasis and require ongoing watering in the meantime, which Carl has kindly volunteered). Approx £120 left out of funds, Linda suggested buying tree guards – approved.
12. **Greener City Fund**. No update as Karan currently tied up with other activities.
* **Membership.** Suggestion to follow-up with any lapsing members to ask about reasons. Need to remove Marie Rose Rogers from mailing list as she’s moved away.
1. **Section 106**. No update beyond previous from latest communication from Caroline Streaks.
2. **Stockwell Festival.** Still potential funding shortfalls which FOLP are underwriting in short term. FOLP to contact Larks about possibility of locating stalls near each other?
3. **AOB**.
1) Lambeth have recently completed Tree Survey of Lambeth. Lambeth setting up new tree team but not established yet.
2) Surprise Pub extension, issues with land boundaries? Comments required by 2nd July. FOLP to speak to Kevin about current situation.