

## FoLP Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2021 – Minutes

**Present:** Blake Gilchrist, Ben Linton, Mary Milner, Ida Turner, Linda Suggate, Carl Kowsky, Caroline Streeks, Gareth Davison, Ildiko Toth, Florence Daguerre de Hureaux, David Oxley, Julia Barfield, Rhona Harley, Linda Mills, Deborah Melton, Elinor Seath, Julian Lush, Shekar Teelanah, Minna Cowper-Coles, Pegatha Gaile, Claire Jostins, Victoria Gallagher, Visakha, Paulette Lester

**Apologies:** Tina Humphries

1. The Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb meeting were agreed.
2. Southville Entrance update – has been out for consultation late last year, with feedback collated early this year. Visakha gave a presentation detailing the area to be redeveloped. Block paving has lifted in some areas, parking bays and turning circle detract from entrance and vegetation at back of beer garden overgrown. Surface to be changed to more porous material, rumble strips to deter moped access and reduce speed of cyclists. Formal, low-maintenance planting to be included, native species as much as possible. Metal knee rail to be retained to prevent vehicular access. Solar lighting to be added following feedback about safety concerns. Materials palette covered. Presentation will be circulated with these notes.
  - Surprise Pub need to be included – BL has emailed but suspects email address not working.
  - New bins to be included following feedback from Ian Ross.
  - GD asked about any consideration for people who currently use this area for outdoor training – CS stated this is not encouraged as pergola may be damaged by equipment being attached, and felt that other areas of the park may be more suitable (inc outdoor gym). **Action** – Blake Gilchrist to check with Nickie Bell whether there is an option to include suitable equipment in new playground development.
  - Ida Turner raised concerns about lighting in the park and possible improvements to this.
3. Eli Seath presented about Arts4Space a local arts organisation. They have identified funding available via Veolia (£25-75k) to improve public spaces, in particular, parks. Deadline for stage 1 is the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Reasonably light touch application process. One idea is a permanent treasure hunt – artwork dotted throughout the park, linked by an app. Could also be used for lighting improvements potentially. FoLP are in principle supportive and Eli will progress in consultation with the FoLP.
4. Linda Suggate – 3 options for storage container, with preferred being adjacent to Baptist Chapel. Many old bins need replacing (should not come out of new budget). Some other bins can be repaired/repainted. Benches – very little seating in playground area so more benches needed there which will require slight revision of planned locations. Julia Barfield will incorporate and circulate. Benches preferred on raised areas (at least two identified) but Lambeth resistant due to cost of hard standing. Eurobin (for recycling) – two locations suggested inc preferred option of Courland Grove. Comments ASAP please.
5. Linda Suggate – park staff appointments. Three new dedicated staff to be identified (development officer, gardener and apprentice gardener). Need date for gardener

and apprentice to be appointed as interview dates not set. New development officer will be Alex Draper who has worked with FoLP previously. Management of development officer is currently focussed in partnership board and Linda suggested that the FoLP be more involved in guiding their work program. **Action:** Julia Barfield and Ida Turner to raise at LPPB, recommending Linda's involvement.

6. Linda Suggate – expenditure items. 7 items put forward (suggested by Kevin Crook) with 5 agreed. Two items taken into next year – hedging around community garden (to be planted in autumn) and new meadow grass areas. **Action:** Julia Barfield /Carl Kowsky to ask LPPB if funds can be rolled into next financial year. Linda also raised concern about transparency of spend of funds allocated to park – need greater visibility of where funds spent. **Action:** Julia Barfield/Carl Kowsky to raise again at LPPG.
7. Blake Gilchrist – community garden update. Ongoing engagement continues with short term access being worked through prior to longer term governance and structure being agreed. Volunteers will be requested for sub group for governance discussions. **Differing points of view were invited, and no objections were raised to this course of action.** Ben Linton formally thanked Blake Gilchrist, on behalf of the committee for his work and calm steering through this difficult issue. Nickie Bell also thanked Linda Mills for her inputs.
8. Julia Barfield – “Shared Assets” exercise. £5k agreed at LPPB for visioning exercise. Suggestion for this work presented – three sets of workshops and support to online survey. One workshop could be focussed on community garden longer term governance but exact details to be continued.
9. Florence Daguerre de Hureaux – Petanque area needs some work. Ben Linton and others have been working on a proposed maintenance document which Ben will send to Kevin Crook.
10. Nickie Bell proposed that Paulette Lester and Ida Turner become committee members. Whilst the constitution does not allow for more than ten members, it was agreed that Paulette and Ida be added to the committee mailing list pending this change and this was agreed.
11. Minna Cowper-Coles asked about ability to add details for people interested in playground to have their email addresses collated for further information. Will liaise up with Ben Linton.
12. Nickie suggested a book swap ability in the park – red phone boxes may be an issue. To be brought into the visioning exercise.

**Next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 1930.**