

Friends of Hilly Fields  
Minutes AGM meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Present: (to be confirmed, afraid we mislaid list that went round!)

Rachel Mooney (Chair)	Marcus Fox
Andrew Harper (Treasurer)	Keith Ward (Bird champion)
Ruth Pepper	Mike Keogh
Jill Jenkins (Francis Drake Bowling Green)	Barbara Cyrus
Wayne from Glendale	Josh Franklin (LCS)
Helen Mercer (Secretary) (part time)	Dee Condon
Laurie Saunders (part time)	Akan Rustem + 2

Notes from discussion post AGM, chairs report

Akan Rustem who has the ice cream van came with concerns that he won't have a pitch once the café was open. He had hoped to expand and serve teas, but had been advised by Glendale that would not be wise as there were proposals for opening café from spring 2012. The Friends had not been informed about progress on the café, other than a lease was being negotiated with Pistachios. They have supported the idea of café in the park and were expecting Lewisham to forward them information on the progress of café and the plans prior to going to planning. RM confirmed that the lease was between Lewisham and the café and was not with Glendale. Friends agreed to speak to Lewisham in support of retaining the ice cream van as complimentary to the café.

**Trim trail equipment:** Chain needs replacing on one piece of equipment – Glendale to chase, this has been requested for over a year.

**Trees, including replanting of the Brockley Oak:** Brockley Society paid for this tree but it has never survived, last tree was practically dead when planted by Glendale. It can't be replanted now until November. Marcus agreed to oversee the planting he had researched what was required.

Glendale had completed the final tree planting from the Tree Grant. The trees were not planted to specification, RM had agreed to meet Angus from Glendale to get issues rectified.

**Park furniture:** Groundwork had got back with an alternative drinking fountain, but RM had seen it in use and had found it difficult to use and easy to block. She had suggested an alternative spec, but not heard anything back since. BC requested if the fountain could be located outside the playground and have a bowl for dogs. RM said she would see if this was possible but thought it unlikely as it would incur further cost due to re-routing water supply.

RM to meet with Heritage Lottery and Martin Hyde on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This would enable HLF assess whether the park meets with their criteria for the grant and

explain the initial work that would need doing. Initially Friends were looking for money to create the memorial garden. The larger grant would enable improvements park wide, including footpath and step repairs, the stone circle, a co-ordinated set of signage, benches and bins, a display in the bothy explaining history of park and work of Octavia Hill and the Kyrle Society, new drinking fountain replacing missing one from plinth by shade garden etc.

BC requested sociable seating where you could face each other. RM to investigate options.

BC to try to find contact for Prendergast's ecology club, to see if they will put together "what's in the park this month" poster for notice board.

**Bowling Green:** had now closed for the season. The Sunday morning sessions had proved popular, with many new bowlers.

**Bird Champion** Keith is resigning as he feels he hasn't got enough time to do the role justice. Tom Moulton has been assisting and we need more volunteers. BC offered assistance. Keith to organise hand over to new team.

Following discussion problems for disabled access to slide, Glendale have supplied a price for a handrail to the steps at the back of the slide.  
It is £625 + VAT at £125.

**Lewisham Community Sports:** generally using the park less, have more activities in school building.

**Bats** Conservation Trust – Andrew and Rachel have now attended a bat training workshop with view to organising an event for the park in the next season.

**NEXT MEETING IS on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 in the BOTHY.**