

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held at 1<sup>st</sup> Forest Hill Scout Hall,  
St Germans Road, SE23 on 26th October 2006, 7.30pm**

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**Present :-**

Marcel Jenkins (Chair)	Kylie Barnes (Secretary)	Andrew Barnes (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Downie	Sydney Couldridge	Ray Ashley

Maureen Couldridge	Sharon Lloyd	G.P. Ray
Albert Blackmore	Ben Turley	Jim Radford – HOPRA
Malcolm Trott	Nick Marks	Anne Scott
Harriet Jenkins	Caroline Sefton	

Also in attendance: Fiona Alleyne – Lewisham Borough Council,  
Lara Al Jabi - Glendale

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Gavin Bolam	Mark Wellband	Josh Smaller
Francis'O'Connor	Kathy Ashley	Martin Hyde – Lewisham Council

**2. Committee Report**

Marcel Jenkins (MJ) presented the Chairman's Annual Report for 2005/06 which summarised events during the year. There had been many positive achievements since September 2005 including a written constitution, the election of a committee, a reduction in number of meetings and the opening of a bank account. The Group had also managed to raise some income through events and member donations at Group meetings.

A number of participatory events has been organised by the Group including two planting days, a consultation event on the fields with a balloon race and an Easter egg hunt. MJ hoped these types of events would continue.

In March 2006, the Group considered making a funding application for a ball court on the Fields. The proposal caused a deep division in the Group at the time and was even an issue reported in local newspapers. The pre-application was refused and the proposal was dropped. The positive side to the proposal was an increased awareness of the Group in the local community which did lead to new members joining the Group.

Following the major feasibility report produced by Groundwork SE London in September 2005, the Group needed a more detailed analysis of what people wanted in order to develop its plans for the Fields. A questionnaire was produced and distributed to all residents surrounding the Fields and the results compiled into a new report produced in September 2006. The report would prove a useful basis for any decisions on enhancements/developments to Blythe Hill Fields.

The Group also created its own website – [www.blythehillfields.org.uk](http://www.blythehillfields.org.uk) where minutes of meetings, agendas and information on the group could be viewed.

The Chair had made contact with a number of other park use groups and was keen that those relationships should continue. There was a real benefit to supporting each other in making our parks as good as they could be.

Throughout the report MJ thanked everybody that had supported the Group's activities over the last year. He also mentioned that he was resigning as Chair of the Group owing to family commitments. The full report is available on the website.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Andrew Barnes reported that at September 2006, the Group's accounts could be summarised as:

Total Income	£339.16
Total Expenditure	£184.61

<b>Balance</b>	<b>£154.55</b>
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***Bank Account Balances:***

Co-operative Bank	70.00
Petty Cash	84.55

<b>Total</b>	<b>£154.55</b>
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A summary of the income and expenditure was passed round the members but it was agreed that a Report should be available on the website.

### 4. Committee Resignations and Appointments

As specified in the constitution, all members of the Committee were required to resign and if they wanted, to stand for re-election. Any Committee member would need to be proposed and seconded within the Group to be elected.

The following Committee members resigned and were re-elected:

Ray Ashley, Kylie Barnes (Secretary), Andrew Barnes (Treasurer), Gavin Bolam (Chair, by proxy) and Sydney Couldridge

The following Committee members resigned and were not re-elected:

Marcel Jenkins, Mark Wellband and Josh Smaller

As neither Mark Wellband or Josh Smaller were in attendance and had not agreed in advance that they were prepared to stand for election, they could not be proposed. It was agreed that they could stand for election at the next Group meeting. There were no new members elected. MJ thanked Gavin for standing as the new Chair.

### 5. AOB

Liz Downie and the rest of the Group thanked MJ for being the Chair since the inception of the Committee.