



**Minutes of 25th Group Meeting held at 1st Forest Hill Scout Hall,
St Germans Road, SE23 on 1st February 2007, 7.30pm**

Present:- BHFUG members:

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| Gavin Bolam (Chair) | Kylie Barnes (Secretary) | Sydney Couldridge |
| Mark Wellband | Maureen Couldridge | Albert Blackmore |
| Anne Scott | Sylvia Scott – Ward Councillor | Alan Bailey |
| Harriet Jenkins | David Thomas | Tim Hall |

Apologies:-

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| Ray & Kathy Ashley | Lara Al Jabi - Glendale | Elizabeth Downie |
| Sharon Lloyd | Josh Smaller | Caroline Sefton |
| Andrew Barnes (Treasurer) | Marcel Jenkins | |

1. GB opened the meeting with welcome and apologies.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting (7/12/06) went out with an error to Point 6 in respect of “Fund Raising and Events”. The minutes should have read “Mr Bailey also mentioned that we might be able to access a database (Called Funder Finder) at VAL (Voluntary Action Lewisham) which allows us to find the details of possible funders”

3. Committee Resignations & Appointments

At the AGM, all members had to resign and be re-elected. Mark Wellband and Josh Smaller were not at the AGM in order for them to be re-elected. Their resignations were done in their absences. MW attended this meeting and was duly re-elected. However, JS has not been able to attend due to work commitments. Alan Bailey wished to stand as a Committee Member now and has duly been voted in on the Committee by other members attending this meeting.

4. Fund Raising and Publicity

KB contacted Gemma Marsden but has not had a response to holding events in the fields and insurance issues

KB and GB met with Martin Hyde to discuss further funding for the group and the best way forward. A letter was subsequently written to Councillor Susan Wise, and copied in to the Mayor and other Councillors for the Lewisham Borough. We are currently awaiting a response.

5. Fun day in the Fields (Sat 23 June 2007)

Harriet Jenkins had applied for funding to “PARK IT” before Christmas. Although we weren’t selected to get the full £5,000 funding, they have allocated us £1,000 towards holding an event in the fields which is great news!!

Also, the Ward Councillors for Lewisham have kindly allowed us matched funding of £1,000 to hold our event but with an added extra of £500 to cover advertising and promotion of the event we are planning.

The Committee are to hold an extra meeting to discuss the Park It application and complete the remainder of the application to secure the funds before the up-coming deadline.

6. Questionnaire Consultation Report

This is awaiting the finalisation of funding applications from other sources and a response to our letter to Councillor S. Wise.

7. Treasurer's Report / Bank Account

The Treasurer reported that there was £82.63 in the register, £70 in the current account, with an added £20 from Glendales to cover four meetings in the form of a cheque which will be deposited into the bank account – totalling £.....

8. BHFUG Hedge Planting Programme

Posters were placed in various shops in advance of the events, in some schools and the Ackroyd Community Centre. The planting day on the 20th January 2007 went very well with approximately 30 people attending to help out. Our next date is the 17th February 2007 where we hope to plant more hedging. If you can come along to help, please contact secretarybhfug@btinternet.com. Lara Al-Jabi from Glendale has provided enough hedging to enable planting on the 17th February as well.

9. Any Other Business

10. Dates of the Future Meetings

The next 5 meetings dates have been set out for the remainder of the year. Please make a note of them in your diaries.

1. 5th April
2. 7th June
4. 2nd August
5. 25th October AGM
6. 6th December 2007

MISSION STATEMENT

Blythe Hill Fields User Group (BHFUG) exists to represent everyone living around or using Blythe Hill Fields. Our purpose is to achieve sustainable improvements and facilities in this vital resource for the benefit of the whole community. We aim to promote the increased use and enjoyment of this essential open space.