



**Minutes of 27th Group Meeting held at St. Saviours Church Hall,
Brockley Rise, SE23 on 7th June 2007, 7.30pm**

Present:- BHFUG members:

Gavin Bolam (Chair)	Kylie Barnes (Secretary)	Sydney Couldridge
	Alan Bailey	Mark Wellband
	Sylvia Scott – Ward Councillor	Caroline Sefton
Sharon Lloyd	Josh Smaller	David Thomas
Marcel Jenkins	Zara John	P C. Warren Gregory

Apologies:-

Andrew Barnes (Treasurer)	Albert Blackmore	Maureen Couldridge
	Lara Al Jabi - Glendale	Hannah Van Den Wijngaard
John Coker	Elizabeth Downie	Councillor Jackie Addison
Diedre Mason	Nicholas Taylor	Nick Marks

1. Welcome and Apologies

GB opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Point 5 of the Minutes from the Last Meeting should have in fact read:- Councillor Sylvia Scott reported that she had been having meetings with Councillor Wise about the children's play areas in the park and the need for lighting. An update will be provided at the next meeting. The Council has been busy with the Green Flag for Lewisham.

Also, Josh Smaller raised the issue of setting up a petition for people attending the fun day to get Lewisham Council to provide more funding for the park as a whole.

3. Committee Resignations & Appointments

This topic was not discussed.

4. Fun Day – Saturday June 16th 11am – 4pm

It has been decided that all volunteers who are able to help with the setting up should arrive in the fields by 9.30am. A Key for the Gate will be needed in order for items being delivered into the fields. The pricing of events was discussed.

Balloon preparation – 2 people will be required to carry out this task.

Floats for stall holders will be £10 with Andrew Barnes being the central banker for the floats.

Band – Ron Warshaw will be in contact with Josh Smaller as they will both be performing.

Tea Facilities – Alan Bailey will be establishing if we have a tea urn for the day and to provide cups.

Mark Wellband will be providing a large enough container for water.

PC. Warren Gregory will be mingling with the visitors on the day with his supporting officer. HE will have a First Aid Kit on him with some display stands advertising the Crofton Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team with some posters.

Josh Smaller has arranged for a Fire Engine to be there on the day for children / adults to look at.

Marcel Jenkins is happy to do the microphone to call out the start of events. Harriet Jenkins is happy to help out as a Steward.

Zahra and Hannah are to pre-purchase lemonade for their stall.

5. **Hall Hire for Further Meetings**

We have had to find alternative accommodation for our meetings. It was suggested that we could have meetings at the Ackroyd Centre by becoming an affiliate for £25 a year, just paying £11 for the hall for the evening, instead of £16 per hour that St. Saviours is currently charging us. Alternatively, Sharon Lloyd had suggested that we might be able to use the Hall on Faversham Road for a small donation but it was felt that it might be too far for people to travel to as the Ackroyd was a more central spot for people. This will need further discussion.

6. **AGM Date**

Originally it had been planned for the 25th October 2007 and it was going to be held at the Town Hall but a new date is being decided. This is currently under consideration due to other commitments of the current Committee members of the User Group.

7. **Any Other Business**

8. **Dates of the Future Meetings**

The next planned meeting will be on Thursday 6th September 2007 at The Ackroyd Community Centre in the small committee room, commencing at 7.30pm. Please come along as we need more volunteers.

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.