



**Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2008, 7.30pm  
held at The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23**

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**Present:-** BHFUG members:

Alan Bailey (Chair)	Kylie Barnes (Secretary)	Sydney Couldridge	Gavin Bolam
Molly Bertrand	Pippa Graber	Albert Blackmore	Elizabeth Downie
Josh Smaller	Marcel Jenkins	Anne Scott	Councillor Sylvia Scott

**Apologies:-**

Andrew Barnes (Treasurer)	Lara Al-Jabi (Glendale)	Mark Wellband
David Linton		

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1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Alan Bailey opened the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the Last meeting and Matters Arising**

We have not heard from the Archaeologist yet. Caroline Sefton to chase.

It is likely that the Drop kerbs in Brockley View and Codrington Hill have been installed for cyclists. AB will continue to chase the Borough Cycling Officer for confirmation.

Affiliation is not an issue at the moment. Alan Bailey is still looking at this and will come back to us.

3. **Festival – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Alan Bailey produced an Engagement Plan which was submitted and has been approved by the One Lewisham Fund. The Grant monies should be on their way to us. The Treasurer is to check the bank account.

All the forms to allow the Festival have now been forwarded to us from Gemma Marston at Glendale's and these are to be completed. Mark Wellband may be able to complete the Risk Assessment Form for us.

The Community Police Bus should be available for use at our event.

KB to chase and see if Zara and Hannah are able to hold a biscuit decorating and lemonade stall like last year.

It was felt that after lots of research on the impact on Balloons on the environment, a balloon race would not take place but instead another idea has to be implemented to mark the end of the event on the day.

4. **Logo**

Sydney Couldridge was invited to design a new logo for the Group in 2007. However, because of work pressures, there was a delay in coming up with proposals and Mark Wellband was encouraged to come up with an alternative. At our last meeting, after a rough and ready vote, one of Mark's designs was chosen. However, since that meeting, copyright issues have been raised. It was felt that this design may have contravened copyright issues. At this meeting tonight, it was decided that we would start again and SC agreed to draft a brief for people to follow. We can then devise a way to select a new logo at the Festival. Children may submit a design for our new logo on the day of the festival.

5. **Web Site**

Marcel Jenkins regularly updates the web site and will be updating it with a stall booking form for the event and a page for our up and coming event when given the copy.

6. **Meeting with Martin Hyde**

Alan Bailey and Kylie Barnes met with Martin Hyde, Parks Regeneration Manager to talk through current issues. Martin Hyde informed us that there was £10,000 of possible funding for improvements. We were given pictures of park furniture to bring to the meeting. Martin had estimated the cost of a new Bench and Bin at about £1K. It was felt that perhaps £10,000 could be better spent on other things other than just park furniture. There was a suggestion that the money should be held as matching funding to attract other monies in. This issue is still to be fully discussed.

Signage is an issue and we were informed that enamel signage could be installed but each sign would cost in the region of £3,000.

The playground upgrade is still an issue and Martin Hyde informed us that we along with Deptford Park are at the top of the list for being upgraded. A decision would be made after the financial year commences.

With regards to fencing around the park which is still an issue. Martin Hyde informed us that as Blythe Hill Fields is an open space, fencing is not required like other parks which are locked up at night. It was felt that the hedge planting could continue around the perimeter of the fields to encourage a more wildlife and a "park" feel.

Glendale's contract will be up for renewal in 2010.

7. **Any other business**

a) Catford Development

The proposed development of Catford Stadium is still under discussion. A signature petition was handed in against the proposed development by David Byrne and Judy Pritchard. A meeting is now being held at the Civic Suite in Catford on April the 7<sup>th</sup> to review the proposals.

b) Facebook

This action point has not been discussed since the last meeting.

8. **Date of next meeting**

8 May at 7.30 at the Ackroyd Community Centre to discuss the Festival.

**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.