



Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2011, 7.30pm

The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Marcel Jenkins (Dep Chair)
Gavin Bolam
Josh Franklin
(Lewisham Community Sport)

Kylie Barnes (Secretary)
Liz Downie
Simon Packard (L.S)

Sydney Couldridge
Judith Brassington
Nicholas Taylor

Molly Bertrand
David Byrne
Josh Smaller

Apologies:-

Alan Bailey (Chair)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Marcel Jenkins (MJ) and Kylie Barnes (KB) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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

Benches – They are now sited, both facing the City and Docklands, the best view from the Hill. Two new bins are to be installed as well. 6 more bins may be coming from another park. GB stated that he had had a request to have benches donated. It was suggested to put a donations page on the website.

Tree Replacement – they are all done now. One question raised was who is supposed to be maintaining the trees once they are in?

Trim Trail – the application is nearly ready for submission.

Hedge Planting – 26 February. MJ, Noelle, Sydney and members of the Green Gym lead the charge to complete 10m more hedging towards Brockley View. ¾ of the fields are now planted with hedges.

Stag Beetle Loggery is to be installed – Date of 16th April was agreed

Water Main – there is a large hole in the ground where the Main cover has broken – the lid to the main is on order.

Cradle Swing Damage – This still needs to be replaced. The damaged floor area is not a high priority to be replaced as any repair will have other consequences to the whole surface. The damage will weather over time and it remains absolutely safe for children to play on.

3. **Festival – Saturday 2nd July 2011**

Licenses: The Live Event Licence has been granted by Lewisham Council for the music stage and the main event licence from Glendale is on course to be approved.

Toilets – GB is to double check that they are indeed booked and what time they are due to arrive.

Straw Bales – Price? Someone needs to be responsible for taking them away at the end of the festival.

Generator – Jimmy, who supplies the Bouncy Castle is also supplying a generated FOC for the Friends' hot drinks stall.

Stage & Sound System – all ordered now.

Donkeys – Jo Ireland will be looking into this.

Football - Lewisham Community Sports will be on-board again this year.

Friends' Stalls – these will comprise badges, cakes, barbecue, plants and HQ tent selling merchandise and promoting the Friends and what we've achieved. KB has contacted Zahra to see if she is able to do the biscuit making stall. No reply as yet.

Hot Food Stalls - The Babur are booked, Yam Hill – still to be confirmed.

Ice Creams – 2 vans have been booked.

Art Tent – As there is no revenue on this – we need volunteers to help on the day.

NCT – Mother and Baby Tent – not confirmed yet

Fire Engine booked – depending on events throughout the day

Police Horses – depending on events throughout the day – they may get called away.

Entertainment has all been confirmed.

Refuse – There will be 3 Eurobins and recycling bins around the stalls. Nicholas T is in the driving seat on this.

Grass cutting – Marcel to finalise the arrangements

Games – Marcel and Josh to finalise

Merchandise – Marcel in the final stages of deciding what items to be sold

Print Design – SC has done a design

Sir Steve Bullock - KB has invited the Mayor

4. **Any Other Business**

5. **Next Meetings**

Thursday 9th June 2011

Thursday 13th October 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Blythe Hill Fields (FBHF) 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.