



**Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 6 November 7.30pm**  
**at the Blythe Hill Tavern**

**Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:**

Nicholas Taylor (chair), Marcel Jenkins (treasurer), Leo Stevens (secretary), Hugh Brown, Cathy Ashley, Chris Thompson (Glendale), Jo Knorpel, Sydney Couldridge, Jo Ireland, Zaria Greenhill, Gavin Bolam, Jim Smith

**Apologies:**

Lynne Owen, David Byrne, Chris Thompson

**1.Welcome**

NT welcomed everybody to the AGM

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

No matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

**3. Resignations and Appointments**

NT and LS were re-elected to their posts. MJ stood down as treasurer and David Ireland was elected as interim treasurer.

Jo Ireland, Jim Smith, Hugh Brown, Gavin Bolam, Sydney Couldridge, Jo Knorpel and Cathy Ashley volunteered to be festival committee members for the next year. Lynne Owen and Marcel Jenkins stood down.

Lynne Owen also stood down as the member with responsibility for green issues and was replaced by Cathy Ashley

**4. Financial Report**

MJ presented the 2012/2013 accounts and made the following comments:

- Festival income was excellent but grant income may be reduced next year due to fewer grants being made available.
- Our total accumulated surplus is approximately £6,000

LS would apply again for funding from Crofton Park Assembly Fund and the Catford Rotary Club fund. He would also re-apply to the Co-operative Bank Community Fund and try to find other potential sources of grant funding for the festival.

**5.Discussion on how to spend surplus on items for Blythe Hill Fields**

There was discussion on how to spend some of the surplus again. LS said that he had spoken to Chris Thompson about drinking fountains but Chris said that, unless there was a water main already present in the park, one would have to be installed at a cost of around £8,000.

CA said that there should be one there as there was previously a drinking fountain and so LS said that he would revert to Chris with this information.

## **6. Trees**

There was a discussion about what to do in relation to pruning the hedges in the park as it was important not to disturb any bird habitats. It was agreed to set up a working group to discuss and carry out a visit in the spring to see what the position was like then.

## **7. Festival**

MJ was also resigning his post of festival organiser and so there was a discussion about how to take this forward.

HB agreed to produce a project plan but it was agreed that the organisational duties would need to be shared around. MJ agreed to provide assistance in giving information and contacts to the new organisers.

A general discussion as to the festival was had and it was agreed that GB would speak to the owner of the funfair in a bid to try and reduce his prices or increase the ride times as there was some dissatisfaction about this from feedback.

It was also agreed to try and get local schools involved more in next year's festival if possible and for people whose children went to local schools to speak to them well in advance.

A provisional date of Saturday 5 July 2014 was set for next year's festival.

## **Any other business**

None

## **8. Future meetings**

TBC

## **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.