



Clissold Park User Group News

Notes of our May 14th 2016 meeting

Attending: Caroline Millar (chair), John Hudson (vice-chair), Theresa Boden (Secretary), Hilde Oorde, Yvonne (Fundraising), Amir Dotan, Isabelle Gore (website), Lee Stacey (Running), Anthony Larvin (access), Sophie Cameron (Cllr), Delilah Jeary (Minutes Secretary) and 15 park users.

Film competition

It was agreed that the committee would fund a short film competition to promote the park. Some information about the competition:

Show us Clissold Park through YOUR eyes!

Clissold Park is at the heart of our community - a place of sporting triumph and personal bests; a place of long summer picnics and bundled-up wintry first steps; a place of spring contemplation and companionable autumn walks; in short, a place where lives are lived and memories are made.

We want you to **capture the spirit of Clissold Park** and what it means to you in a short film of 3-5 minutes. You can work alone or join up as a team; you can be young, old or somewhere in-between; you can have lived here all your life or just arrived yesterday - but we want to know what the park means to you. **The winning films will be used on our website and social media pages** - as well as fronting future fundraising efforts.

You can film them on any sort of camera you like from smartphone cameras to super 8; but the finished product should be delivered to us as an .MPEG or .mov file by 16th June.

The film can be inspiring, moving, funny, creative, informative and fun.

There is a **prize of £50** for the winning film and two **£25 prizes** for the runners up (individuals or groups).

Matters Arising

Sophie Cameron, Stoke Newington Councillor, is looking into **Charitable Status** to assess the financial advantages and liabilities when applying for funding. There is no point in doing this unless it benefits the group.

The **aerators** in the lakes have been repaired but pipes need to be fully submerged.

The work of the **new head gardener** is very much appreciated - new planting has made a very noticeable improvement. **Stinging nettles** near the bottom of the ponds need clearing.

Clissold House water supply has run out on recent hot weekend but work on the **new tank** begins in June.

Recent park **litter clearing** has been very efficient and members were impressed by how well it was done after the recent very hot weekend on 8/9 May. There is no news about **fox proofing** the bins.

Park manager **Eleanor Potter** has begun her maternity leave. As ever, a big thanks and best wishes to her. CPUG is sending her a card.

Concerns were raised about professional dog walkers with **large numbers of dogs**. Another meeting about dog issues will be scheduled since the Council rep was not at last summer's meeting.

Action: CM to talk to SP

Path resurfacing near QEW gate is needed after it was damaged by a contractor's vehicle.

The **playground gate** still doesn't shut and the side gate of the dog-free area opposite the tennis courts is hazardous and needs repair.

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The damaged play area swing has been repaired and the sand will be replaced.

The size and location of proposed additional swings needs more thought.

Action: CM and SP

Development Officer **Lucy Gijzen** is leaving on June 9th to manage an education programmes at Twycross Zoo in Warwickshire. The meeting warmly thanked her for all her work and also wanted to collate all the information about the park she has amassed for the development of our app and website.

Action: info subgroup

We are running a number of **events** in the Stoke Newington Literary Festival from 3rd to 5th June including:

- Find Your Voice, with singers Chorus of Dissent (7 years+) Saturday 4, 11am
- Travels Through the Urban Countryside – Above, Below and Beyond – literary salon (Friday 3 and Saturday 4, 7pm)
- Illustration Workshop - with Karin Littlewood - for ages 3 years+ Saturday 4, 3.30pm
- Telling Tales - Anansi Workshop (4 years+) Sunday 1.30pm

Visit www.clissoldpark.com/events for more on our events.

Hilde and Yvonne were hugely congratulated on organising a **fantastic quiz night** which **raised over £1,000** – a new record! Thanks to all the local businesses who supported us.

URGENT: Volunteers stewards are needed for the Literary Festival events (3 to 5 June) and the Summer Free Music events (7 and 14 July 6.30 to 10am)

Park Manager's report

The Park Manager's report was tabled.
Read the Park Manager's report (PDF)

The Beck Archive

Amir Dotan gave a presentation about the extraordinary archive of papers to which we have been given access which tell the story of the campaign to create Clissold Park. The archive includes letters, maps, press-cutting, minutes of meetings, photographs, posters and invitations. The user group is considering a range of different ways in which this information can be made available to local people and more widely.

Read more about the Beck Archive: Clissold Park for the people on our website:

www.clissoldpark.com/clissold-park-for-the-people

Future meetings

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday 9 July**. The following meeting has been moved to **Sunday 11 September**. And then back to Saturdays on 12th November.

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