

# Clissold Park User Group AGM - Saturday 10th March 2108

## Chair's Report

I would like to start by thanking the committee and representatives for their support this year. I do expect that I will be asking for more input from you all in the upcoming year. I would also like to offer special thanks to Caroline Millar and Anna Hymas for their work on producing and selling the map of the park, and to Amir Dotan for producing and selling the historic post cards. All of these are selling well and providing the user group with an ongoing income.

These are difficult times for public services, and I think that the user group should express our thanks to Hackney Council for their ongoing commitment to Clissold Park in particular but also the other parks and green spaces within the borough. These are not statutory obligations for the council and I am pleased that the council have done so much to protect us fro the worst effects of the financial pressures that all public services are under. Unfortunately it is not clear how long this can go on for.

Clissold Park is enormously popular and well used, and there are more and more people using the park, due to increasing numbers of new residents moving in to developments in the area. Clissold Quarter has recently become available for occupation and when the weather improves I am sure that we will be seeing these people using the park. And they, like all the other park users, are very welcome.

As the numbers of users grow it is increasingly important that we all show consideration for other park users. And, as has been suggested before, I would like the user group to take a lead in this and remind all users that this is a considerate park, where it is hoped that we can all show consideration for all the others using it.

Mark Forsyth