



Clissold Park User Group News

Notes of our March 10th 2018 meeting

CPUG AGM 10th March 2018

Present

Mark Forsyth (Chair), Theresa Boden (Vice Chair), Amir Dotan (History rep), John Hudson (Vice Chair), Ken Worpole (President CPUG), Lorraine Worpole, Caroline Millar (Treasurer), Lee Stacy (Running rep), Yvonne Hill, Councillor Sophie Cameron and baby Silas, Daphne Steele (Dogs rep), Kath Willgress (Secretary), Isabelle Gore (Website rep), Richard Crawford (Biodiversity rep) plus other park users.

Minutes of last AGM approved

Elections:

Mark Forsyth was nominated and re-elected as Chair

Theresa Boden and John Hudson were nominated and re-elected as Vice Chairs

Kath Willgress was nominated and re-elected as Secretary

Delilah Jeary was nominated and re-elected as Minutes secretary

Caroline Millar was nominated and re-elected as Treasurer

Specialist reps:

Fundraising and BAME – Farhat Einar

Website – Isabelle Gore

History – Amir Dotan

Children and young people – Matt Jeary

Older people – Sylvia Anderson

Events – Teresa will continue, but looking for help

Biodiversity – Richard Crawford

Dog walkers – Daphne Steele

Skatepark – no volunteers

Access – Anthony Larvin

Cycling – David Pitcher

Running – Lee Stacy

Sports - no volunteers

Caroline Millar presented the accounts and these were approved by the meeting.

Largest expense was the Clissold Park fold-out map currently on sale in the cafe and at events. A poster version also sells well. We now have 10 historical images on postcards for sale.

The music event in summer 2017 was more or less cost neutral.

CPUG received income from the Arthur Disney Trust (£500) and from a Film company (£1000). This helps to appease park users complaining about disruption during filming.

Chair's Report

Mark Forsyth thanked the committee and reps and gave special thanks to Caroline and Anna for the map, also to Amir Dotan for the postcards. He also thanked Hackney Council's commitment, noting that the park is thriving in these difficult times.

Lorraine Worpole offered thanks to Stoke Newington Library.

MF noted that there has been and will be an increase in park users as a result of the Clissold Quarter development and recommends we remain aware of the diversity of park users.

A suggestion from a previous meeting that Clissold Park's mission should be to become 'The Considerate Park' was met with unanimous approval.

In response to Sylvia's comment that the park was no longer peaceful MF said that Quiet Spaces were being considered including new planting in the Café Garden area. Sylvia suggested a sheltered area where people could sit and talk.

David Pitcher suggested a designated exercise area and a sensory garden.

MF brought the AGM to a close, John Hudson thanked Mark his for role as Chair.

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Present - as above

The Cafe is re-assessing its disposable cup strategy

We could have some CPUG mugs made for sale in the Cafe.

The Cafe are happy for customers to bring their own cups

AP: MF will negotiate a small discount for using own cup.

Biodiversity Update

Park Users want a detailed tree map. One was commissioned for Heritage Lottery bid and can be accessed online though it is very technical and not user-friendly. CM pointed out that we have a user-friendly tree map - it's the fold out pocket map! Park users can also look at the Trees in Cities and TiCL apps.

Park Manager's report

(delivered by MF)

The **Cafe** has been having **refurbishment work** with the main room closed for some time.

There is an ongoing problem with **buggy damage** to the decor, but the Park Manager is confident that a workable solution is imminent. It is hoped that there will be more news at next meeting

There are quotes to **mend the slide and repair the mound** in the playground.

There will be new temporary **planting** in the Café Garden.

A **survey of toilets** will take place to try and prevent ongoing problems - the ones by the bowling green are rarely open.

23 **new trees** have been planted.

Arthur Disney's **tree has died** and must be replaced.

Running tracks - these are getting wider and wider. CM asked if there was any way to restrict width of the 'track'. MF will ask Quinten.

Volunteers were being called for to spread new chippings on March 24th

Large plane trees near Clissold House: two of the trees have advanced fungal root rot. At a meeting with Hackney Tree Officer, Tom

Campbell, he explained that the policy is to manage their decline and one will need to be taken down in the next few years. This is very sad, the trees are about 180 years old and would have been planted around the time Eliza Crawshay married the Reverend Augustus Clissold and the house was renamed after him. The couple lived there for at least 10 more years so would have seen the plane trees as saplings! Biodiversity rep Richard Crawford agrees with Tom Campbell's conclusion and recommends CPUG must work for long-term management of trees.

CM: raise awareness with tree walks led by Russell Miller of Tree Musketeers. He is also biodiversity adviser to Hackney Council. MF offered thanks to the family of Christine and Arthur Disney for their £500 donation and suggested we use it for Tree Walks.

Matters Arising

Park buildings - there are still no confirmed plans for the future of the Pump House or Bowling Green buildings. This is regrettable.

Growing Communities: there are some objections to their occupation of space near to the aviary.

JH suggested they should pay more than a peppercorn rent. MF suggested their area could become the Quiet Space.

Ken Worpole said that there is a proposal from the park **Development Board** to bring together all stakeholders in the park, including the user group, in the form of an **Open Day**. This would allow the disparate users of the park to see who else uses the park and show people what activities take place within the park.

CPUG Events

DS asked if there are there plans for more talks and more activities in the summer months.

Ken Worpole suggests we propose three good ideas and submit them to Caroline/Ken

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**The next meeting Sat May 12th 11-12, Clissold
House**