



Clissold Park User Group News

Notes of our November 10th 2018 meeting

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Apologies were received from:

Ken Worpole, Kath Willgress, David from *Wheely tots*, Daphne & Chris Steele, Theresa Boden, Lee Stacey, Lorraine Worpole, Isabelle Gore

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

Follow up from last meeting:

The Pump house – is still not in use. Suggested it be given to a community group but hard to decide which one and it is a Council asset so it must manage it.

The tender document for the pump house will be ready before the end of the year.

Butterfly dome & Aviary – There was a plan to redevelop that area of the park but there is now no funding for it. Suggested that the council consider a proposal for a community group's use if outside funding was found. Quinton Geurs (Park Manager) had unsuccessfully applied for three grants for the dome. He asked that any ideas for how it could be used should be given to him or the CPUG.

Chicken run – Goats are now enjoying the use of this area in addition to their enclosure.

Buggies – The former 'buggy park' room has been returned to the Café to be used as a quiet room. The newly provided outside buggy parking space has not proved popular. As a result three regular room users no longer use the house and have found spaces outside the park to hold their classes/events.

Park Manager Quentin Guers' report

Some **cheaper sandwich options** are now available in the café and are popular.

Reminders are being given that dogs are not allowed in the café.

There has been a lot of **begging** around the café and play areas – some quite aggressive – and homeless charities have advised against giving money or food.

Some **water leaks** developed in the house, temporarily closing the café. A survey is being commissioned to look at down pipe blockages and the (flat) roof.

Vandalism has caused damage to the outside toilets as well as damage to walls caused by a faulty door stop.

The **Bowling Green toilets** are open when paddling pool is in use or when the park is very busy.

Young adults visiting the house after school are asked to **respect** the house and each other.

Repairs to the slide are complete. A soft pad has been installed at the bottom.

The **pond planting** was cut back hard last year but this year it will grow back in a healthier state. A rare bee orchid found in the reed bed will be looked after.

A new **Five Year Park Management Plan** is being drafted, and user's views on the future of the park will be welcome, and should be sent to Quentin by email. Quentin will circulate the existing plan and Mark will post on the CPUG website. The unmown grass areas will be maintained.

The New River – still smells bad! The two water circulating pumps had been damaged by debris and sent to a specialist company to be fixed in what should be a few weeks.

Dogs – Dogs must always be kept on a lead around the house.

Fireworks – There was a diligent two day clean up after the event. There was a lot of wire from sparklers left around the park which can injure dogs. This was the result of individuals discarding the finished sparklers and was not a result of the display.

The Café has been given a **5 star hygiene** rating

Other issues raised by Park Users

Complete failure in consultation on park events – The CPUG is no longer being consulted on events in the park and strongly ask that the events team resume this valuable Council policy. The events team are aware that they have failed to consult CPUG and have promised to resume this and re-establish a good working relationship with them and local residents.

Hackney Waste is looking at how the new compostable cups may best be disposed of. They aren't a collected recycling item, but they will compost in landfill.

The meeting was asked for thoughts about regularly having a **Food Market** in the park.

Points raised include:

- Could be a useful revenue stream.
- Have a farmers' market and street food like the market in Victoria Park?
- Affordability and quality?
- How frequent? The food and drink market with kiddies' rides is too dominating to have monthly
- Need not be exclusively food. Could be a goods or clothes market.

The unveiling of a **Commemorative Plaque to Joseph Beck** at Barton House Medical Centre, Albion Road is being held at 3pm on 10th November.

The Next CPUG meeting:

Saturday 12th January 2019

11am to 12 noon

Venue: Clissold House, Clissold Park

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