

# CLISSOLD PARK USER GROUP

NEWSLETTER AND MINUTES OF MEETINGS

**May/June 2006**

**EVERYONE WHO USES CLISSOLD PARK IS  
PART OF THE USER GROUP – EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME.**

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**Next general meeting:  
Saturday July 1st 2006  
11am – 12 noon  
Clissold Park House, red room in café**

All meetings are open, public meetings, anyone  
can attend and active participation from park  
users is always needed and very welcome.

**Minutes of the meeting held on  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2006:**

**Present:** Ken Worpole (Chair), John Hudson (Co-  
Vice Chair), Caroline Millar (Co-Vice Chair), Yvonne  
Hill (Secretary), Isabelle Gore (Web Manager), Paul  
Foinette (Area Parks Manager), Jim Blinko (Park  
Supervisor), Betty Manning, Daphne Kemp,  
Christopher Sills, Anthony Joseph, Ann Mc Ginley,  
Don Giddens, Hettie Sears, Simon Lissner, Sonia  
Spencer, Isabel Maciver, Lis Ssenjovu.

**Apologies:** Mark White (Operation Manager),  
Lorraine Worpole, Sylvia Anderson

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**  
Accepted as true record of meeting. There were no  
matters arising.

**PARK MANAGER'S REPORT**-Paul Foinette  
**Green Flag** inspection coming up.  
Maintenance works on target: edging of the pathways  
now restarted and new contractors are complying  
with national guidelines. Resurfacing will follow.  
Entire perimeter fence line being repainted; new  
inner fence around animal enclosure, gate to pond  
and benches being installed. New signage ordered  
and will be installed. Trees around 3 Queen  
Elizabeth's Walk pruned.

**Park Opening times** now on notice-boards and will  
be posted on the gates too.

**ACTION: PAUL FOINETTE**

**3 QUEEN ELIZABETH'S WALK** – Plans to use as  
temporary accommodation? Disappointment was  
expressed that there is STILL no progress. This rests  
with HACKNEY emergency housing department.

**Café needs improved access:** temporary ramp plus  
handrails suggested. Need to be mindful of Disability  
Discrimination Act, although Heritage Lottery have  
own criteria. Research needed.

**ACTION: PAUL FOINETTE**

**PADDLING POOL** will be operational once Health and  
Safety officer approves new lining and works.  
Imperative that skateboarders respect this area  
please.

**CHAIR'S THANKS** were extended to Paul and his team

## **LOTTERY BID**

**The Heritage Lottery Fund Bid** would provide for a  
substantial investment in Clissold Mansion and Park.  
The proposal to use the mansion as a heritage fire  
museum is, fortunately, now off the agenda.  
Renewed consultation should take place in June/  
July although there is no reference in the timetable  
for wider public consultation time. Cllr Nargis Khan,  
Lead Member Leisure Services and Carole Stewart,  
Assistant Director Culture and Leisure, are leading  
on this. Still at first stage of the application.

CPUG views are that broadly

### **House should be used for**

- Community Use e.g. education, heritage, weddings
- Café to remain integral
- Sports' support, including already successful tennis.  
To be managed by a House Park Manager who  
would act as the interface between house activities  
and the park including the rangers' service.

**ACTION: CAROLINE MILLAR and JOHN HUDSON** to  
attend the Project Reference Group meeting on  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**SUMMER FUN EVENTS** Caroline Millar has undertaken  
organisation of Summer Fun in conjunction with  
Hackney. Bids have been submitted for funding  
which, hopefully, will help provide three weeks of (reduced) activity:

- four nights of music
- three mornings for young children and
- three events for older children. Fliers and posters  
will be distributed to schools etc well in advance of  
the Summer programme.

Thanks are extended to Caroline for her unstinting  
efforts.

## **SPORT**

Formal, as well as informal, sports, e.g. jogging, brisk walking, should be incorporated into **sports' strategy** for Hackney. Could attract funding for lighting, paths etc to enhance security of the environment.

On viewing details of rugby posts, **agreed** that, in principle, and in consultation with Park Manager, there would be no objection on a temporary basis for each match.

**ACTION: ANTHONY JOSEPH**, to liaise with **KEN WORPOLE** and to invite Carole Stewart to a CPUG meeting to discuss Hackney's sports' strategy in relation to the parks.

**BANDSTAND** Sylvia Anderson has been liaising with Zeta Lomax at Stoke Newington School. Planning permission has not now been given as Hackney Building Inspector is not satisfied the uprights would be robust enough to hold up roof.

**ACTION: SYLVIA ANDERSON** to continue to liaise with Zeta Lomax, Stoke Newington School. **ANTHONY JOSEPH** offered expertise and will liaise through Zeta and Sylvia.

## **CARS IN THE PARK**

Following on from the last meeting's discussion, it was reiterated that Hackney parks should remain free of vehicles. Daphne Kemp confirmed that Town Hall have no parking space available. There is very limited space in park depot.

It was agreed that Hackney be contacted to request allocation of street parking to appropriate park workers.

Operational Policy for vehicles and parking needed to clarify regulations, roles and responsibilities, and what constitutes essential vehicle user.

**ACTIONS: PAUL FOINETTE**

## **GREENER SPACES: HACKNEY PARKS CONFERENCE**

Hackney are holding a **PARKS AND GREEN SPACES STRATEGY** consultation event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10 a.m-4pm at the Ocean, 270 Mare Street. Themes include children and young people; conservation and biodiversity; trees; feeling safe; green corridors: 020 8356 8428/8429, parkssports@hackney.gov.uk

## **HISTORICAL PUBLICATION**

CPUG founder member and former Chair has left very interesting archive material in will. Liz Robinson, Ken Worpole and Penny Crick are proposing new history of the park and welcome enquiries and background information to support this project.

## **AOB**

### **Events:**

**STOKEFEST** Sunday 11 June, noon – 6pm in park Starts 11 am with Procession from William Patten School to Clissold Park

### **One O'Clock Club:**

**ACTION: ANTHONY JOSEPH**, to liaise with **KEN WORPOLE** who will invite Carole Stewart to a CPUG meeting.

## **CONTACTS**

### **Clissold Park User Group Website**

[www.clissoldpark.com](http://www.clissoldpark.com)

### **1. For information and to Join CPUG at:**

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/clissoldpug/join>

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### **Contacts for The Park**

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**Rangers' office/Tennis bookings:** 7923 3660

**Tennis Club** 7254 4235 and

[info@hackneycitytennisclubs.co.uk](mailto:info@hackneycitytennisclubs.co.uk)

**Head of rangers' service:**

[balavant.barber@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:balavant.barber@hackney.gov.uk) or 07985 692585

**Hackney Council** 8356 5000

**Dates of next general meetings:  
Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>**

then

September 2nd. 4th November

First Saturday of every other month

**11a.m.-noon**

**Clissold Park House,  
red room in café**

**ALL WELCOME!**