

Millfields Users Group Meeting 11 April 2011: Minutes

Present: Anne Thesenvitz, David Brunetti, Vivienne Foxley, Emma Jack, Emma Brodrick, Harry Hewat, Claire Kelly, Diane Bernhardt, Bob Bengé (chair), Tim Evans (minutes), Imtiaz Shafique, John O'Sullivan, Anna O'Sullivan, Andrea Sinclair

In attendance: Kate Mitchell (Biodiversity Officer, LB Hackney)

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1. Apologies received from Ruth Smyth, Brian Weller, Carolyn Deby, Jon Aldenton, Ian Rathbone, Linda Kelly, Bruce Irving (Parks Development Officer, LBH)
2. Agenda was approved
3. Minutes of group meetings of 29 July 2010, 30 September 2010 & 10 February 2011 (AGM) were approved
4. Matters arising: none
5. Minutes of committee 11 February, 28 February, 30 March: no questions
6. **Group meetings 2011-2012** committee
We decided to hold 6 group meetings in the coming year and to alternate Monday evenings at 7pm with Saturdays at 11 am.
7. **Biodiversity** committee,
Kate
Mitchell
 - 7.1 **Management Plan**
Kate Mitchell, LBH Biodiversity Officer, made a presentation and led a discussion on the plan.
We approved the plan including the current activity list. It will be updated as we progress with it.
We decided to divide volunteer sessions between open events, and targeted groups. We will use targeted group sessions to build up links with local organisations and parts of the community.
The first session will be a small wildflower planting in compartment 4 on Thursday 24 April at 4pm if the gardeners can do the preparation by then. This will be a small open event aimed at a small children. The sown area will not be enclosed.
The next event will be creation of a loggery and we will invite the Pedro Youth Club to be involved.
We approved spending of part of the budget on equipment for sessions. We will see whether it's possible to store equipment securely in the playground building.
The north riverside strip owned by British Waterways, and recently community-planted, is looking neglected. KM will contact BW and see if it can be included in the plan.
 - 7.2 **Orchard path** committee
We approved the committee's work on the orchard path and reaffirmed that we would like a path on condition that it can be done in a way that enhances the park by adding a pleasant round walk via the two bridges, and does not detract from the orchard area. A narrow path with a hoggin or similar 'soft' surface would be suitable. A line connecting to the old lock footbridge and running nearer to the eastern edge is desirable if it can be achieved without damage to tree roots.