

Millfields User Group Committee: 2nd meeting of 2011 committee, 30 Mar 2011

Minutes

(approved by email except item 3.3 – figure to be inserted)

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| 1.1 Present
Ruth Smyth, Jon Aldenton, Bob Benge (chair), Tim Evans (minutes), Emma Jack, Claire Kelly, Vivienne Foxley, Harry Hewat, Michael Row, Andrea Sinclair, | |
| 1.2 Apologies – Barry Buitekant, Diane Bernhardt | |
| 1.3 In attendance (part) Frank Kelly, London Boaters Group | |
| 2.1 Agenda agreed | |
| 2.2 Minutes of meeting of 28 Feb previously circulated & approved for accuracy. | |
| 3 Committee matters | |
| 3.1 Committee dates
Committee will meet on final Wednesday of every month as far as possible. Sec to circulate list for year, and we will adjust any specific date if too many people can't make it. | sec |
| 3.2 How the committee works – any problems, suggestions for improvements?
No one was willing to voice criticisms of the secretary's methods | |
| 3.3 Money, membership
We are sending information to 252 people
[Financial information missing from sec's notes – to be added] | |
| 4.1 Website
JA has commissioned a site designer. Following committee comments on a draft logo he has returned to the drawing board. He was referred to Katie Andrews for historical material; TE thinks he has a handwritten ms which he will pass to JA if found.. There is no proposal for hosting the site. JA is to consult TE and HH. | JA TE
HH |
| 4.2 Other public information
Poster needed on park noticeboards by weekend for public meeting. JA agreed to produce & pass to sec [passed to BB who covered park boards & passed to VF for estate boards]
TE to spend £30.60 on meeting stationery [done & receipt passed to CK]. | JA
sec |
| 5 Biodiversity plan
Initial implementation plan prepared by working group was approved for submission to group at meeting on 11 April.
The working group was asked to draft dates when spring 2011 work could be carried out (meadow planting, loggery) if approved.
RS provisionally offered her garage for storage of a reasonable number of tools if bought. | TE EJ
MR |
| 6 Streetscene issues | |
| 6.1 Orchard path
LBH sought comments on proposal for a path from the Black Path through the orchard to the Cow Bridge towpath. The committee's view was: | HH
sec |

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- there is a known walking desire line as evidenced by surface wear and observation
- there is no more than occasional cycle use and certainly not on a scale to justify a formal cycle path
- a wide formal hard-surfaced dual cycle/walking path would be undesirable and out of keeping with this part of the park
- a narrower soft-surfaced path along a suitable line could enhance the park by providing a circular walk via the filter beds bridge and cow bridge. It would be the only park path designed for enjoying the park rather than passing through it.
- the route should connect to the filter beds bridge
- we should seek to redesign the route to follow the east side rather than going down the centre
- the question of tree root protection might be addressed by a surface not requiring excavation, such as a honeycomb grid.
- the surface should be hoggin or a similarly 'soft' and unobtrusive material

Agreed HH to draw alternative route & he and sec to continue contact with Streetscene.

- 6.2 **Casimir Road entrance** CK HH
Streetscene wish to consult MUG about spending S106 funds allocated for improvements around Casimir Road entrance. A site visit has been proposed as a first step. CK, HH, BB to attend & sec to organise BB sec
Streetscene had supplied a headline list of other s106 projects: sec to ask for more details.
- 7 **Dog control orders survey** – BB hasn't contacted LBH officer yet, will do so BB
- 8 **Play facilities** CK EJ
Working Group (CK EJ DB, apols from RS) has met:& developed ideas, will DB RS
meet with Bruce. They were asked to find out whether there is any specific funding for play on south Millfields.
- 9 **Group meeting arrangements** 11 April were dealt with
- 10 **Moorings** sec
The committee welcomed speaker Frank Kelly of London Boaters
Frank explained the role of London Boaters in coordinating responses to the British Waterways consultation on moorings and continuous cruising. He explained that LB would like to set up good relations with local groups such as MUG, and deal with questions and especially with concerns arising from the behaviour of a minority of cruisers. There was a detailed discussion about various issues. Committee to publish LB email for members to contact about any issues: info@londonboaters.org
- 11 **Strategy** chair,
Committee decided to devote the bulk of next meeting to taking stock of strategy. sec