

MILLFIELDS USERS GROUP Minutes 2/6/15

Present: Harry Hewatt, Will Smith, Barry Buitekant, Lisa Murphy, Carrie Rutherford, Bhavesh Hindocha,
Apologies: Gill Harris, Ian Rathbone, Helen Morris

1. Park Lodge – Barry understands a review of use by Cllr McShane hasn't been completed. Committee resolved to write to the councillor to ask for more information.
Bhavesh to draft letter.
2. Keys for the park ranger cabin for meetings. Lisa to liaise with Georgie to see if we can get easier access.
3. BBQ / fires. Committee again discussed the issue as raised by park user Lisa Johnson. Noted and appreciated her concerns. But the committee felt at the moment we don't see it as a particular problem, more of a balance of interests, between those who responsibly BBQ / have a fire pit and those who object or see a nuisance. We are in favour of monitoring the situation and assessing the evidence. We're not in favour of more signage at this stage. We will write to Lisa to explain – Bhavesh to draft.
4. Steering Group Meeting – Harry outlined the case for better park furniture, especially made in Hackney, rather than standard / cheaper designs. Also the need for bins around the park, and possibly bigger bins for boat residents. Committee agreed. Harry and Will to argue for this at Steering Group on 3/6/15.
5. Next meeting (Thurs 2/7/15) to be an Open Meeting, starting at the Paddling Pool to discuss the renovations there. We will invite Georgie from Parks and Holly from We Made That. We will advertise in advance so people can come along.
6. Tree Circle Circus is on track for Sunday July 19th, the day after the Sports Fun Day on North Millfields. It's hoped the 2 events will work together to help with marketing and organisation. The Circus is looking for volunteers, especially on the day. Please let Bhavesh know if you can help.