



Chairs Annual Report 12th July 2025

Café

Statement from Mat and Jess at Finks:

"Works are coming along well and we're making good progress! We're eager to open in the rose garden as soon as we can - we'll be announcing dates shortly!"

Cycling day of action, speed roundels and E-Bike campaign

Event application for Dr Bike visit sent to Hackney Council. When/if the event is approved for July/Aug, we will look into cycling safety and speed awareness flyer designs, to distribute at the event.

Alexandra has asked park management why the speed roundels were not painted at all park entrances, and is awaiting a reply.

Some park users have expressed a desire to start a campaign to ban e-bikes in Clissold, group to discuss.

Biodiversity/Eco volunteering

Angela and Richard hosted another successful bat walk on the 4th of July with around 25 participants and 5 bats.

Eco volunteering to be discussed and sign-up sheet to be circulated.

Self closing gates

Mentioned in meeting with Hackney Council Project Manager Bruce Irvine, in regard to design of new playground. Bruce also said he would raise the subject of self closing gates in other key areas, with park officials. Faulty gate at dog-free area reported.

Park animals

Quinten has asked us to liaise with our parks rep Georgie Brown on these matters going forward. Park Animals Rep to arrange a meeting to discuss goat enclosure.

Meeting with Hackney Venues and use of Clissold House for CPUG fundraising events

After extensive negotiations with Hackney venues, fundraising reps Hilde and Yvonne have managed to secure free use of Clissold House, three nights per year for CPUG fundraising events. CPUG is to fund security for events. The CPUG Quiz Night and Auction will take place in September, further details and tickets will be available soon.

Playground renovations

Before meeting with the playground project manager Bruce Irvine and Park Rep Georgie Brown, to discuss and learn more about the renovation, Alexandra liaised with Children and Young Persons Rep Emily and Disabilities and Accessibility Rep Ruth, to ensure concerns raised by their groups were addressed. The total lack of accessible equipment was highlighted and materials, timeframes, equipment and layout suggestions were made. Bruce also met with Ruth and her son who has special needs, to further discuss the inclusive requirements and benefits of an accessible play area.

One O'Clock Club

Update from Children and Young Persons Rep Emily.

Rose Garden fencing

Group to discuss.

Rats

Signs on bird feedings practices to discourage rats, to be reprinted and hung.

Ducklings and ponds

All ramps have been installed on lakes and river. Some ramps have been placed in bird aivery for enrichment.

After several request and assurances that the fountains would be up and running “next week” and “ within a few days” CPUG were informed that the fish were struggling due to hot weather, reduced oxygen levels in the water and the fountains still being out of action. An electrician finally attended and got one of the fountains and an aerator going, but the others are waiting for parts. Unfortunately, in the interim a fish died.

Chicken coop

Alexandra met with Park Rep Georgie Brown to discuss this and other areas in the park that seem to be falling away from public use. Georgie is keen on ideas for an outdoor classroom and thinks Clissold would be the perfect venue for a public service like that, her project schedule is full to capacity at the moment but would like to revisit this in future.

Water leak near keepers lodge

This water has been tested by Thames Water and is not drinking water caused by a leak or the drinking fountain. It is simply where water pools in bad weather, due to the incline of the park. Alexandra has noted on recent walks during the hot weather, that the puddle has completely evaporated and there is no stream of water running down the path. This would further indicate it isn't a leak.

Prohibited action signs

Signs prohibiting amplified music and BBQs have been erected.

Problems with the signs ripping causing them to droop down, have been raised with the manufacturer.