



Chair's Report September 2026

Café Access

Map of house showing access points being designed by the Council, and they have asked for CPUG input, on what it should include.

E-Bike Campaign/Crossing Consultation

No news on revised plans for crossing. The Hackney Parks Forum have taken on the matter of bikes in Hackney Parks, and are due to approach councillors with the issues experienced, in the green spaces they care for.

Biodiversity

Alexandra spoke to the LFB who said they wouldn't consider filling the New River during the drought. Quote for the sluice repairs has been received by the Council, and the boreholes are due to be checked, but no date has been set.

CPUG cleared the river bed of litter and bulky items such as traffic cones, while water levels were low. Water lilies have been purchased and planted. Thanks to Paul Brenells for donating them, and to Richard Crawford for arranging planting.

Birdbox purchase put off until just before Spring 2027, to avoid weather damage.

Self Closing Gates

Following the failed trial of a new mechanism, the matter is now with the Project Management team, who will be in touch once other options have been explored.

Playground Renovations

A final public consultation should be published by late September. The consultation material will report what was learned from the initial engagement sessions and will include a plan with supporting images / illustrations of the proposals. The consultation will give park users the opportunity to tell the Council if we have the balance right between all the competing elements, ie equipment, landscaping, accessibility, challenge etc. As well as whether there are enough swings.

The Council will use an online questionnaire, and also hold drop-in sessions in the play area and conduct focus groups to ensure we capture opinions from specific key demographic groups.

Prohibited Action Signs

Hackney Parks Rep Georgie Brown has spoken to the supplier of the cycling signage on park railing that continues to tear, and they have suggested double seams for the signage going forward.

Paddling Pool Area/Splash Pad

Questions shortlist being compiled. CPUG statement attached to railings.

Park Keepers Lodge

No update. To be kept on agenda.

Quote for Noticeboard

Repairs have been made, new locks installed and key handover has taken place. Posters and information to be printed and displayed.

Hackney Mosaic

We have established contact with Hackney Mosaic, and they have asked for design ideas for a possible mosaic for Clissold Park.

CPUG Officer and Representative Openings

Positions advertised.

Fountain and Drains

Cut off switches for each tap have been installed, so that faulty taps can be turned off while awaiting repair, instead of turning off water flow to fountain entirely.

Clissold Councillors

Clissold Councillors Sam Mathys, George Sheldon-Grun and Rachael Maguire, invited to CPUG meetings.

Duck Ramps

Alexandra put in request for more ramps, and is awaiting reply.

One O'Clock Club

No update on new registration and booking system.

Police Stop and Advise Events

Events took place and Alexandra has asked for a statistic report, on numbers of bikes stopped, etc

Growing Communities

Update from Sophie at GC:

"We have had 2 open evenings over the summer, on Thursday July 30th and one on Wednesday 9th September. These were to make it possible for more people to access the site and see what we do and get gardening tips. Both evenings were very successful with over 160 people attending, enjoying cake and lemonade and cordial, meeting other local people and finding out about volunteering, our veg scheme and other activities of Growing Communities.

Our volunteer sessions continue to be full and we were very glad to have a session in continuous rain on Tuesday after the prolonged drought this summer. As well as our 9-10 volunteers every Tuesday and our 2 trainees we've had around 180 visitors on Tuesdays over the past couple of months. Our cucumbers have done really well but our beans have been afflicted by red spider mite and are almost over now. We are currently busy sowing and planting out our winter crops."

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