

Clissold Park User Group

Agenda for 7th July

1. Introductions
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
 - Café
 - Bridge panels in place
 - Still no closers on the gates of dog free areas
 - Events feedback (World Music and Anatolian Festivals)
3. Chair's report
4. Parks for Life and Olympic Torch Event 21 July (David Woodhead, LBH)
5. Biodiversity Report (Liz Fewings)
6. Dog Training in park (Mark Forsyth)
7. Park opening hours (Caroline Millar)

CHAIR'S REPORT 7 JULY 2012

1. Meetings and events attended by CPUG officers since last meeting

Date	Meeting	Attended by
15/5/12	Meeting with Eleanor Johnson re HLF visit	CM
24/5/12	Green flag judging	JH
29/5/12	HLF/Big Lottery visit and tour	CM
30/5/12	Stoke Newington Sports Network 1 st mtg	CM
12/6/12	Biodiversity walk with landscape architects and EJ	KW/LF/CM
15/6/12	Meeting with EJ and Co. of Cooks	CM/JH
18/6/12	Meeting to discuss new Park Dev Board	
25/6/12	CPUG committee meeting	CM/JH/HO/SA/DJ/IG/AL/LF
5/7/12	Meeting with David Woodhead and Ian Holland re Torch event	CM

2. General update on key park issues

Trees, animals and planting: Following a tree survey by the new Hackney tree team a number of trees were found to be seriously diseased and/or dangerous. Because of forecast strong winds, work was carried out quickly to take down and remove limbs from one. Prior to this, one tree shed a large branch in a storm but no damage was caused. The two old goats (Eclipse and Solar) both died in the last few weeks. Post mortems are being carried out but both were very old. The new biodiversity sub group on the user group have been for a walk around the park to familiarise themselves with the key issues with regard to planting and the environment in the park. Liz Fewings (biodiversity rep) will give a report at the meeting.

Clissold Park Development Board: Caroline Millar and John Hudson met with David Woodhead to discuss setting up a new Clissold Park Development Board to lead on the

second phase of the HLF project and oversee the future development of the park. It will meet for the first time in the autumn.

User group remit and identity: The new committee has met to begin discussions about the future role of the user group. This will be on the agenda for our next user group

Staff and management: Eleanor Johnson remains in post as Interim Park Manager and the substantive post has not yet been advertised. Congratulations to Elle who was married a couple of weeks ago. Ian Holland is now in post as Head of Parks and Green Spaces. Lucy Gijssen, the new park development officer took up post at the beginning of July.

Pavilion: repair work is still to be done following the arson attack many months ago. Loss adjusters have refused to pay for a replacement door because they are very expensive so money being found elsewhere.

Planning applications: Hackney City Tennis was granted permission to install lighting on the courts on 6th June 2012. They have now applied for planning permission for building a new club house on the site of 3 QEW where the current building is due to be demolished in the autumn. Responses due by 27th July. Ref 2012/1971.

There has been an application to build a new kindergarten school for 110 pupils and 14 homes on the Avigdor site (next to Arbor Court). Responses by 9 July Ref 2012/1625.

Links to both the tennis club house and the school proposal will be available on our website for individual comment and the user group will be responding. Please pass on any views via email.

The User Group responded to the proposals to build around 700 new homes on the Kings Crescent Estate on Green Lanes. Our response can be found on our website.

The temporary building in the middle of the park is to be halved in size and moved nearer to the courts to provide interim offices for the tennis club.

3. Future events

Hackney Parks for Life and Olympic Torch Event: 21 July 2012

Open House: this is being planned for Sunday 23rd September

Big Draw: CPUG and the Council are working jointly on a Big Draw event in the house and park on 16th October 2012.

4. Membership and involvement

We have 350 people on our mailing list. Since our last meeting in early March we have had 5660 unique visits to the website, favourite pages being the home page, facilities, and sports. We have 188 members of our Facebook group. Numbers in all these areas are rising slowly but steadily. About 25 people receive our newsletter by post.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 8th September 11am to 12 noon in the House.

Caroline Millar, July 2012