

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW said that the Council had now installed six tables which had been very popular • SP stated that no London Fields notice boards had been removed. • JW confirmed that Parks Funding Review would not be going back to the Scrutiny Committee. • JW confirmed that the 'non-use of parks' survey had been emailed. 	
2	<p>Budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW stated that in the region of £60m savings had to be sourced Council-wide over the next three years. The implication on the parks was a 25% reduction although this had not been confirmed. The directive was that approximately £58,000 needed to be saved by the end of the financial year by the department. JW said that it was his intention to look at increasing income generation instead of focussing totally on cutbacks. 	
3	<p>Tree Damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW read through a list of concerns from RM • AE felt that BI should be able to explain to contractors what was required of them. • RM stated that contractors needed to be directed at an early stage in projects and more strictly supervised. • RM said that immovable barriers should be erected so that trees could not be disturbed. RM sated that trees should now be mulched. • JW stated that he had no problem in planting 10 replacement trees in Hackney Downs. RM responded that the Oak was struggling due to lack of watering and that he did not feel that Park Managers and their staff recognised the importance of tree care. RM stated that he felt resources ought to be managed and Park Managers should be educated so that trees did not die. • Currently only 50% of trees were surviving. AE asked if bi-annual training could be arranged. JW responded that this could only be done internally due to the cost of external training. • JW is trying to establish a budget for tree inspections so that each tree can be inspected every 3-5 years. • RM asked once again for recognition from supervisors and Park Managers to take trees more seriously. JW stated that trees were being replaced at a greater rate than the loss although these may not be of the same species or maturity. RM pointed out that the trees may also not survive. • JW stated that consultation on the Tree Strategy would take place now that the election is over. • RM sated that millions of pounds were being spent on sports infrastructure and he felt that losing trees was a disaster. He sated that the people from the user groups were becoming demotivated. • JW discussed the items identified in RM's e-mail reference tree damage in Parks and agreed to respond formally to RM's e-mail after the meeting based on their discussion. • JW also stated that the Council did not have a tree inspection programme in place and this needed to be addressed and a meeting was scheduled with the new Lead Member to discuss proposals for parks in the future that could address this issue. 	JW

4	<p>HPF and UG Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to remove the number 'three' from 'three goals or objectives'. • Agreed to keep 'minimum of three meetings' • Agreed to add reference to the Hackney Compact back into the protocol • Agreed that no clarification on 'physical changes' was required. • JW suggested that the user groups may like to consider inviting a member to the Committee under the age of 16. The group agreed that younger members would be welcomed and that wider groups should be represented but that this should not be specifically detailed in the Protocol. • Agreed to keep wording on help with external funding but BW stated that the Council seemed to have reneged on the review of support for HPF as promised by Nicola Baker as – in HPF's view – it had reneged on the post NRF mainstream funding of HPF. BW stated that there appeared to be a process of 'walking away' from commitments by the Council, which flew in the face of political and democratic accountability. He wanted this point minuted. JW agreed to raise with Nicola Baker. • AE asked to see the Parks budget. JW responded that he was unsure if this was a possibility due to confidentiality, but would look into it. • AE said that she would prefer not to chair meetings going forward. JW stated that he was happy to keep the role if required. It was agreed that the word 'chair' would be replaced by 'attend'. • It was agreed that a fuller version of the paragraph dealing with complaints should be transported to the HPF protocol. 	JW
5	<p>Minutes Protocol</p> <p>It was agreed that circulation of the Agenda for meetings should be five working days before date of meeting, amended from ten days. The Minutes Protocol shall be updated to reflect this.</p>	
6	<p>User Group Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP distributed the questions to be considered for the User Group Survey. • AE wanted this document to reflect the great work that the groups do. • Some further suggestions were given with regard to other questions that might be asked • JW asked for further comments/ideas to be sent through to SP 	All
7	<p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW stated that he had found a way to fund the insurance, but commitment was attached to this in terms of volunteering, etc. • AE asked whether the trailer and contents were included as there had been some items of equipment stolen. SP to check on trailer location. 	SP
8	<p>Complaints</p> <p>SP read the complaints that had been received in May to the group. It was agreed that the complaints spreadsheet would be sent to the group in advance of any future meetings so that issues could be discussed from this document if necessary.</p>	SP

9	Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW reported that a design team had been appointed for the two bridges in Hackney Marshes and another team had been appointed for the design of the North Marsh Hub.• AE stated that there were some concerns over the Hackney Marshes Project Board overruling JW's suggestions. It was asked who the Board consisted of and JW gave names and positions.	
	Date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10th September 2010 – 9.00am• 12th November 2010 – 9.00am	