

**Shoreditch Park User Group  
Annual General Meeting September 21 2009, 7.30-8pm**

**Training for Life Whitmore**

**Attendance** : Liz Moxon (Chair), Rose Heatley (minutes), Kim Culyer Dawson,, Mickey Lodge, Sam Parry (LBH Parks Development Mngr), Linda Tanner

**Apologies:** Trent Burke (LBH Project Mngr Community Services), Mike Kelly (treasurer)

1. The minutes of AGM October 13 2008 were approved.
2. The Chair's report of 2008/9 was adopted, and the chair thanked for her hard work.
3. The Treasurer's report, showing a balance of £12,701 was adopted, and the treasurer was thanked for his business-like accounts.
4. Liz Moxon was elected as Chair. Rose Heatley was elected as Deputy Chair. Mike Kelly was elected as Treasurer. Kim Culyer Dawson, Mickey Lodge, and Linda Tanner were elected as officers.

**Ordinary Meeting 8pm-9pm**

1. Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 including amendments from Trent Burke were adopted. LT pointed out that her name had been omitted from the Apologies.

Matters arising:

- **LM still to contact Ian Graham** (email is best) re tree trunks for sitting.
- **RH to work with MK to update the dog posters** for post-christmas course.
- Table tennis: LBH has agreed to fund one table (& SHUG will fund one). Two tables to be bought. **Trent Burke to pursue.**
- Volley Ball: the Beach Volley Club is now working on a business case for 2 courts.

**2. Dog Training Programme**

There were nine participants on the Autumn Responsible Dog Ownership course. Two had paid the reduced fee as they were on benefits. Classes were going very well. Lead trainer Alan Menzies is seriously ill but has organised good cover. (At the second class, four trainers were present)

**RH to liaise with SP re stakes** to delineate enclosure away from trees when evenings get dark.

**KCD to look into whether vaccinations are needed for puppy class.** (Jan & Feb)

**RH to ensure park etiquette is covered** in the classes

**SP to look into publicising and aim to get media to next class (5<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

LT produced photos of dog gym from recent Australian trip. **LM to discuss with Trent Burke.**

**3. Hackney Parks Forum & Hackney Environment Network**

Gill Jackson is no longer working for Hackney Parks Forum (no funding). The logic is that SP and colleagues will be taking on park development. HPF still hoping to find funds.

HEN has set up a website: [www.hackney-environment-network.org](http://www.hackney-environment-network.org). Site is still under construction, but it is intended as an interactive space for info and advice. HEN is also intending to organise conferences – possible one with LBH on climate strategy.

**5. Shoreditch Park Project Steering Group**

LM reported this to be a business-like group apart from the late circulation of minutes. She has attended two meetings so far. Developments include:

- 1) Scrubby triangle near Bridport Place to be redesigned to incorporate docking spaces for the TFL cycle scheme. (The meeting expressed anxiety about vandalism)
- 2) The cow bins for recycling now in four locations were to be chained to the railings. Cow bins are a temporary solution to provision of recycling.
- 3) The design for bins and signs etc is to be commissioned when the brief for design has been finalised
- 4) In continuing absence of signage **SP to organise DOG FREE notices** for childrens' play area and volley ball court.
- 5) Café, ranger, toilet design to be commissioned (possibly incorporating two kitchens and roof for growing veg)

## 6. Priorities for 2009/10

Meeting agreed to LM's suggested priorities:

- 1) get more people actively involved in SHUG, one activity to be developing a ShUG specific website. LM said she wanted SHUG to pop up when people googled Shoreditch. SP said Eleanor Johnson was updating LBH website.
- 2) improve links with young people **RH to explore young people & bees** link; SP will also ask Trent about this.

SP, who is LBH's main contact with SHUG, will help to achieve these two priorities.

**Members to send comments** on SP's User Group Protocol to LM by October 5 for feed back to SP. (The Protocol outlines what the group can expect from its Park Development Officer, and how LBH will work with the user group)

## 7. Current Concerns & AOB

LT had several concerns; **SP to action all.**

- Amphitheatre floods badly in rain
- Light by playpark missing where four stones are.
- A repro light on Bridport Place needs yellow tape removed
- Anti-social behaviour with motorbikes in park. This was continuing noisily throughout SHUG's meeting. **Members to report to Safer Neighbourhoods Team on reaching home. SP to speak to Safer Neighbourhoods team at LBH**
- Scorch marks from barbecues. SP said Parks was not too worried as the grass grew over. Someone at LBH is about to look at barbecue behaviour.

All members were very concerned that the park's ranger is still off long-term sick. **SP to speak to John Wade.**

## 8. Future Meetings:

November 30<sup>th</sup> 2009; February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.

7.30 – 9 pm, Carole Young Community Hall, Cranston Estate N1 3NY (off Mintern Street and New North Road).