

Shoreditch Park User Group
February 1, 2010
Cranston Estate 7.30-9.00pm

Attendance : Liz Moxon (Chair), Rose Heatley (minutes), Sam Parry (LBH Parks Development Mngr), Mike Kelly (Treasurer) ,

Apologies: Trent Burke (LBH Project Mngr Community Services), Mickey Lodge unwell). Meeting agreed that in view of SP's attendance & (sometimes) SHUG representation at Steering Group meetings, it was not necessary for TB to be on invitee list for future SHUG meetings.

1. Matters arising from minutes of November 30:

- Tree trunks not easy to get hold of, but **SP to pursue with Ian Graham, also ranger-carved** benches for bluebell area adjacent Mintern St.
- Retained budget from Phase 1A and B: LM to pursue current position with Trent Burke.
- Ranger, Bellay is on leave. **SP to invite him to next SHUG meeting**
- New LED light columns have now been numbered.
- SP still investigating insurance for individual groups wishing to do dog training.
- **LM still to liaise with Tree Musketeers** and Annie Mackenzie re advice for young gardeners in adventure playground.

2. Dog Training Programme

Course starting Feb 15 at Cranston is fully booked. Meeting agreed course could be repeated subject to current arrangements proving satisfactory. (Net cost to SHUG in region of £250-300). Anxiety about possibility of dogs disturbing bingo players below.

LM to summarise SHUG's experience for Hackney Parks Forum. It was agreed SHUG would offer £100 to first six user groups wishing to organise similar training.

3. Shoreditch Park Project Steering Group

No minutes received from 3.12.09 meeting. Next meeting 4.2.10. **RH to pursue minutes.** Meeting dates have been fixed for Thursdays (a day which SHUG cannot easily attend.)

SP reported hopes that notice boards would be ready by June, but schedule might be tight. Meeting unhappy with slow progress on signing and seating.

Reinstatement: Meeting concerned about remedial works eg replacement of dead trees, unsuccessful wild flower areas, uneven grass over former Redgra where puddles form.

4. Management Plan

SP to present part of Park Management Plan over next few meetings to glean SHUG comment. Wants to do Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats analysis. RH find out more about Stoke Newington User Group survey of users.

5. Table tennis

Free table/s from English Table Tennis Association needs to be installed by March. Unlikely to happen as planning permission is required (!) London Fields had installed tables without such permission. **RH to ask Carole Williams to intervene with John Wade.**

6. Internet presence

RH to pursue with Eleanor Johnson inaccuracies on Hackney Parks web page. SP showed various mock-ups for independent SHUG presence. **MK agreed to act as webmaster, also to check SHUG's gmail address** on regular basis for correspondence.

7.AOB

Hedging along New North Road is looking gappy. **SP to raise with Paul Foinette.**

- Gardener Les Canavan has submitted resignation. Veronica takes over. **SP to clarify who is correct person to do Walkabouts with SHUG**

8. Future meetings:

April 12th, June 7th 2010

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

(LM will be away for 6 months from 23 March to 20 September, RH to chair in her absence)