**The Friends of Littleheath Woods**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12th February 2019 at 53, Queenhill Road, 7.30pm.

**1 Welcome and Apologies.**

Present: Ian Leggatt, Chris Hyde, Peter Underwood, Ken Pauw, Shirley Shepherd and Brian Stone. Malcolm Macleod.

Apologies: Sean Walsh.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting.** Agreed as true record*.*

**3 Treasurer’s Report.** Chris reported that the current balance was £4,166.91 and that in addition she had received BACS notification of funding of £1k from our Councillors.

**4 Health & Safety.**

Nothing to report.

**5 Any Other Business (from last meeting in italics) with updates:**

a) *Signage:* Cyril and Dave have sawn suitable Chestnut logs. Dave has planed them and routed the path names on 13 signs. Chris marked up a map indicating the proposed location of the signs. It appears that we may need an additional 4 signs. Possible fixing methods obviating the need for nails, screws or bolts was discussed. To be resolved. **Action Brian / Dave**

*b) Nature Trail.* Ian confirmed receipt of the Happy Valley guidance notes but advised that he needed more time to assimilate the information. **Action IL**

c) *Moth trap.* Action to be reviewed at next meeting.

 **Action PU / SS**

d) *Antisocial parties and behaviour in Clears Croft.* Ian reported that Mason McIlroy, the Council Neighbourhood Safety Officer, had kindly prepared and erected appropriate signage at the Brent Road entrance. It was noted that the sign on the lamppost had been taken down. Ian to advise Mason.

 **Action IL**

e)*Green Spaces Forum Meeting* to be scheduled. Ian to attend.

 **Action PU**

f) *Walks:*Ian noted that the next walks were on the website.

g) *Copper Beech area*:Chris reported she has had delivery of plants from Simon.

h)*Hedgerows.* Ian reported that this topic had been discussed with Simon Levey and Meike Weiser during their inspection of the woods with Ian, Ken and Brian, on the 4th Feb. We are anticipating some written notes from Simon which should cover this.

 **Action SL**

i) *Council Community Engagement.* Chris advised that she had responded on behalf of FoLW.

(j) *Use of Glyphosate* Agreed that we will not spray but may paint stumps.

(k) *Bird Survey.* We are unsure why bird sightings in Littleheath Woods are not recorded in John Burketts report.

l)*Chainsaw Training.*Ian reported that Micky is awaiting the release of further training dates which will have to fit in with his shift pattern. See Treasurers report re Funding.

 **Action MW**

m)Brian noted that two Roe Deer had been spotted in the woods during our walk round with Meike and Simon and that Ash Die back was seen to be prevalent, particularly along Old Ponds Path.

n) Ken reported, from his attendance at the ACCS meeting, that Dawn Gibbons was proposing to put on a display in the Central Library in early June showcasing the Boroughs green and open spaces and also that Croydon RSPB are running a Quiz Night in March and are seeking participants. Interest from the committee for either event was muted.

o) Peter requested that the tree which has the Borough Marker embedded in it be identified for H & S purposes. A suitable method to record this to be devised.

 **Action IL**

p) Peter advised that he is organising a Brushcutter Training course. Chris confirmed that Adrian would like to attend. Peter to confirm date.

 **Action PU**

q) Chris reported that we are low on leaflets and offered to contact Meike for further supply.

PM note: Meike has three boxes of leaflets in store and will deliver a supply to Chris.

 **Action CH**

r) Chris offered to prepare a new 5 Year Plan, noting that the current one is out of date. Simon Ls input will be invaluable and it was agreed to wait two weeks before chasing for his input.

 **Action CH**

s) AGM: proposed for 30th April 2019

6 **Date of Next Meeting.**

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2019, 7.30pm, at 53, Queenhill Road.

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Agenda for Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th April 2019

**1 Welcome and Apologies.**

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

**3 Treasurer’s Report.**

**4 Health & Safety.**

**5 AGM**

**6 Any Other Business (from last meeting in italics):**

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f)*Hedgerows.* We are anticipating some written notes from Simon. **Action SL**

g)*Chainsaw Training.*Micky Wheeler is awaiting the release of further training dates.

 **Action MW**

h) Borough Marker Tree. to be identified for H & S purposes.  **Action IL**

i) Brushcutter Training course. Peter to confirm date. **Action PU**

j) Leaflets. Meike will deliver a supply to Chris. **Action CH**

k) 5 Year Plan. Chris offered to prepare a new 5 Year Plan **Action CH**

6 **Date of Next Meeting.**

**4th June??**