

## SEPTEMBER Friends of Coronation Gardens Committee meeting

11th September 2019, 7.30-9pm at the Earl Spencer, Merton Road

**Present:** Susannah (Chair), Wendy and Nada (notes)

**Apologies:** Charles, Jo, Toby, Dan, Lesley



### 1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be added to the Friends website.

**Action: Susannah to add notes to website**

Matters arising (not on the agenda):

Susannah had attending the start of the Scouts AGM. The Scout Hut is not available on the date requested in the Summer

**Action:**

**Charles to discuss alternative dates for our summer event with relevant committee members and Scouts.**

### 2. Finances and membership

We still need more members. Committee members are encouraged to use all their networks to get more people signing up.

Nada expressed concern that there is no activity on the bank account.

### 3. Working with Enable

- **Water supply**

Enable have found a water supply and will be getting access for the Friends.

- **Publicity about Friends in the Gardens**

Enable are producing a notice.

- **Locking the gates**

Dan and Susannah are arranging to meet Ian from Enable and formulating a plan with risk assessments.

Dan and Susannah are developing a leaflet asking for volunteers.

**Action: Dan to donate money to the Friends bank account to cover printing costs. Dan and Toby to distribute leaflets.**

- **Bulb planting and dog poo awareness day**

Susannah has seen Enable's ideas for the back area, which includes repeat of the circle design of flowerbeds with an accessible path around it. The hedges and shrubs will be removed to make the area seem like part of the Gardens. We hope to have some hardy herbs and some benches.

Enable are thinking about the idea for rose arches over some of the paths.

Southfields Academy have a BTEC gardening course and so might be interested in helping with maintenance.

**Action: Susannah to investigate local companies who might donate a centre piece such as a sundial or bird bath.**

**After the bulbs are planted the Friends will be responsible for covering with a net.**

**Susannah to chase Marina about co-ordinating bulb planting with Parks Police dog awareness day.**

**Susannah to chase Jo about progress on dog-poo bags.**

**No fines have been issued by Parks Police as they are waiting for the bye-laws to be fully implemented.**

- **Next meeting with Enable**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Charles's house. ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WELCOME.

- 4. **Winter WonderGarden**

Susannah is waiting for written confirmations about taking part from local schools, and for a definite quote for equipment.

She has a number of local businesses interested in small stalls.

**Actions:**

**Susannah to set up 'sponsorship' page on website to get money in for stalls.**

**Susannah and Nada to look at Enable paperwork.**

**Susannah to work with her volunteers to get sponsorships. She estimates that we are approximately £1000 short of funds.**

- 5. **Update on meetings**

- **London Friends of Green Spaces Network** City Hall meeting

Wendy attended this meeting and made/renewed good contacts with people from Friends of Tooting Common, Wandsworth Park and Wandsworth Common, and Colin from South West London Environment Network. Each London Borough is represented, rather than each Friends Group. We should have a forum in Wandsworth.

All the forums will be meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the next general meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

This meeting focussed on the work on protecting the heritage of parks. Wendy can give more details. Or see <http://www.lfgn.org.uk/heritage-and-designed-landscapes-and-why-it-is-important-to-recognise-this-to-protect-your-green-space/>

- **Local organisations**

Susannah met with the Marines who are keen to support us. Any ideas for how they can support us, please let Susannah know.

Susannah will attend a meeting with local police on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

- **Enable/Love Parks events** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Battersea Park. Nada and Susannah to attend.

**AOB and date/venue for next meeting**

To try to get better attendance we will have the next meeting during the day. At the end of October.