



MARCH 2020 Friends of Coronation Gardens Committee meeting

19 May 2020, 1:30-2:30 via Zoom

Present:

Charles (Chair), Susannah, Wendy, Jo and Nada (notes)

Apologies:

Toby, Dan, Suki, Jonathan.



Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting

No outstanding issues because of Covid-19 lockdown measures.

2. Feedback from Enable

Some staff at Enable have been furloughed and our contact Marina has left and not been replaced. We should use general email addresses and our queries will be forwarded to the relevant person.

They are providing regular updates.

Action: Charles to forward to committee members if requested.

Susannah and Charles met Pat Langley about the health of the newly planted trees. The contract for watering allows for the trees to be watered twice a month. Susannah is concerned about the health of the trees and will put discreet notices around the trees asking for visitors to help with watering. Susannah and the Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer have been watering and tidying up the flower beds. Riversdale school have offered to contact local families to see if they would like to help.

Charles has received an email about a consultation about antisocial behaviour in public spaces fines.

Action: Charles to establish if we need to complete the survey as a Friends group or individually.

3. Wandsworth Friends of Green Spaces Forum meeting and LGFN meeting

Both these meeting took place online.

Action: Charles to circulate notes of both meetings.

The Wandsworth Greenspaces Forum meeting is usually run by Enable. Because of lockdown, the Friends group let the meeting: Charles took the initiative to host the

meeting online and it was chaired by Julia Bott from Friends of Wandsworth Common with Simon Ingyon as a guest. We hope to have another meeting of the group in early July as it will be important to have co-ordinated messages as lockdown eases.

4. Membership and finances

Our online systems have changed so members may not get reminders to re-join.

Action: Nada and Susannah to discuss ways forward.

Urban greenspaces have never had such good publicity so we feel this is a good time to push membership.

Actions: Charles to contact his neighbours in Pirbright Road, Susannah to attempt to put up a poster/deliver leaflets in Nourish&Flourish building.

Funding from Wandsworth Grant Fund and Awards for All has been put on hold until next Spring/Summer.

Action: Susannah to contact marquee hire people to confirm that the summer event is cancelled and to ask them to keep the deposit for future hire.

We have received approximately £400 from Co-op for 'outside classroom'. Nada has been in touch with them to explain that some work may be delayed.

Action: Nada to contact Hazel at Riversdale to see if we would spend half this money of equipment for them if they are planning more outdoor activities.

Charles will re-do our application for debit cards when the banks are working more normally.

5. Email newsletter

We agreed it would be good to send out a newsletter explaining that we are still active even if our plans are on hold.

Action: Nada to send out.

Date for next meeting: Wednesday 22nd July - 11am (probably via Zoom)