

Meeting 10th February 2023

Present:

Andy Tapper (Chair)
Lorinda Skipper (Secretary)
Tony Stott (Treasurer)
Mary Parke (Membership)
Joyce Lancaster
Sue Leichi

Apologies:

Andrew Cobb
Anne Marie Rose

The notes from the last meeting were agreed

Actions from the last meeting:

Tony has forwarded the email from Peter Haward re associate membership to everyone
The sheet with bank details for donations has been created and forwarded to everyone
The plan for everyone to recruit 3 members is still a work in progress.

Approaching park users to become members resulted in 3 approaches and three new members. Response was positive and this could be tried again in the better weather.
Forms have not as yet been left on the park gates. This is carried forward to the better weather.

Tony has prepared an entry for facebook and the email group. This will be sent after further discussion.

The facebook training has taken place. Andy, Mary and Tony have admin rights.

Work has begun on clearing out and tidying the Brassmill Lane boundary. There is no timescale as yet for a new fence. It appears this has to be completed by September but needs clarification.

Park Maintenance

2000 bulbs have been planted, funded by Total Bathrooms. The snowdrops are starting to come through.

The area near the gate has been cleared.

The boundary hedge on Brassmill Lane is being cleared and there will be some replanting after removal of any old trees.

Your Parks Bristol and Bath are holding a network event tomorrow which Andy, Lorinda and Tony have booked to attend.

Andrew C identified an old bench on waste ground that has been retrieved and will be renovated. Mark Roper is sourcing wooden slats.

Website

Andy reported that the basic pages are designed. It is not fully complete but is ready to go live. At the moment only Andy and Gary have access. Andy will be the administrator and needs 2 other people to share this with him. Joyce and Tony volunteered.

The hosting cost for the website will be £12+vat pm (£172.80 pa). Andy has covered costs to date but all agreed this was not appropriate and current and outstanding costs needed to be covered. In the initial stages those present agreed to contribute £25 to cover year 1 but the focus of the next meeting will be to discuss raising funds.

Email addresses will be incorporated.

Andy will speak to Gary about setting up a counter to check how many residents are accessing the site.

Andy will post on facebook and whatsapp when the website is live.

Finance

There has been a donation of £100 bringing the total in the bank account to £170.

To have an automatic donation button on the website will incur a cost.

Tony is unclear regarding whether we as a group can claim charity status. He will do research and make enquiries regarding donations and our status.

Membership

We currently have 11 members. Recruitment will need to be a focus to build up numbers.

People assume that by accessing our facebook page they are automatically members of the friends group. The two are not the same thing and this point needs to be got across.

AOB

Tony has a contact who would like to offer yoga sessions in the park.

The area leading to the Marina gate is a quagmire and very slippery. BANES seem to lay barking in other parks so it would be helpful if they could spread some in the approach to the gate.

Actions:

Andy will email Paul Pearce regarding the boundary and request a face to face meeting to discuss timescales and any other matters. He will include a request for some barking to be laid.

Andy, Lorinda and Tony will attend the Your Parks event.

Tony, Mark and Andy will collaborate to spruce up the recovered bench.

The benches need to be oiled and playpark painting done as the weather permits.

Tony to research donation costs and charitable status.

Andy will make the website live and post on the facebook page and whatsapp.

Any donations towards the website to be forwarded to Tony so that Andy can be reimbursed.

Tony's membership wording to be posted at the appropriate time.

Tony to liaise regarding possible yoga in the park.

The next meeting will be on Friday 17th March at 10.30 at The Locksbrook.