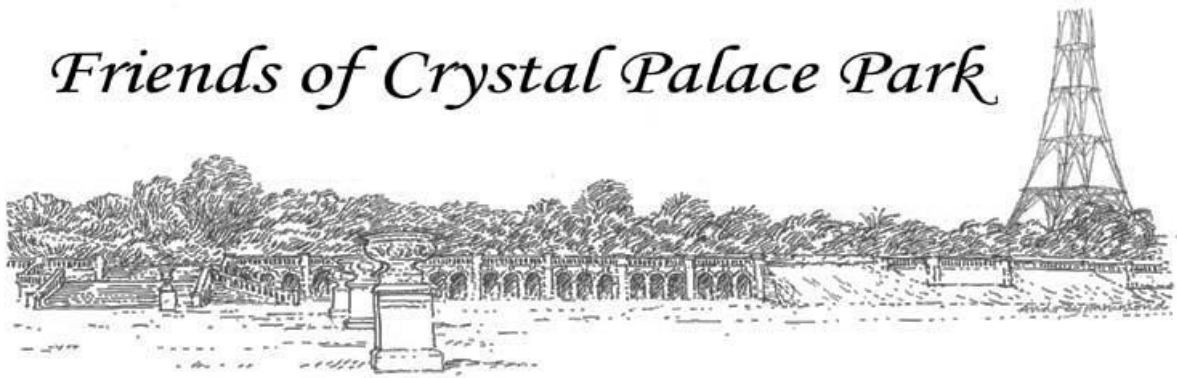


Friends of Crystal Palace Park



FOCPP AGM MINUTES 6th August 2020

meeting via Zoom 7-9pm

Attendance

Lucy Hopkins (Chair), David Vallade (Vice Chair), Anita Dyson (Secretary), Ray Sacks (Trustee), Peter Hore (Trustee), Ellinor Michel, Francis Bernstein, Martin Tempia, Philip Kolvin, Iain Boden, Angela Wilkins, Rosie Hardicker, Sarah Slaughter, Francesca Canty, Kalina Palka, Noreen Meehan, John Greatrex, Hugh Dames, Andrew Crow, Pat Trembath, Sue Giovanni, Peter Austin, Andrea Kues-Johnson, George Irvin, Robin Buck, Janet McLeavy, Ross Harvey, Alexander Pearce, Ellie Dyson, Oliver Marshall, Barry Milton, Annabel McLaren, Penny Read

Apologies

Amy Moore

1.1 2018 AGM Minutes accepted

1.2 Annual Report

Welcome to everyone after a difficult but nevertheless productive year.

Aimee Griffiths, Hugh Dames and treasure Jane Sheridan have resigned, thank you for all their work over the years.

Fortunately we have some new members taking on significant roles relating to the Trusts' governance of the running of Crystal Palace Park from January 2022, so we are especially welcoming of their joining at this transformative time.

Positive news to report is that the new cafe has opened with great success. It also stocks the 'Friend's CCP' healthy duck food which educates the public as to what ducks should be fed and generates some income for the Friends. The community space above the cafe has been used for many events. It would be good to get a breakdown of the events so far.

The Subway Group have had a grant of 2.34 million secured from the City of London and there have been donations too.

Causes for concern relate to security in the park. There are worrying complaints from walkers in the park seeing antisocial behaviour and not knowing who they can report to.

1.3 Report from Ellinor: Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs

Pleased to report that the new bridge is built and ready to go into place starting the 1st week of September. There is a need for more conservation of the of the dinosaurs, only 9 of the 21 have been worked on and during the lockdown the Megalosaurus suffered damage. It is expected that a million pounds will be needed overall. The dinosaurs are now on the Heritage at Risk register and, working with Historic England, the group are hoping for more funding.

1.4 Report from Francis: Concert Bowl Working Group

Bromley have approved the concert bowl as 'an Asset of Community Value'; as such it is suitable for staging events large and small.

Stuart Wilson is launching a plaque commemorating Bob Marley's famed concert on the site to be unveiled in October on Open House Day. Open House have been filming in various parts of the park for this event. Bromley have been quickly helpful and supportive in this regard.

There will be a pond clear up later in the year.

Voting for South London's Best Park finishes this week.

1.5 Report from Martin Tempia: Events Subgroup

A series of groups has been set up dealing with funds, landscape and coms. The groups are made up of local people with specialisms in the relevant fields.

More events are often requested and though the income is vital for regeneration they are hugely problematic.

The Trust will be responsible for events from 2022 taking over from IDVerdi.

The Trust with seven new members met for the first time yesterday. There is a real enthusiasm for events in the park provided they are well managed and diverse in interest.

The target is to be a recognised event venue.

Response from Pat Trebah expressing concern that there is not the infrastructure (including roads) in the park to support large events and a housing development.

1.6 Report from Lucy: Information Centre

The Information Centre has been hugely successful with over 25,000 recorded visits, greater interest shown and well attended children's events until the Lockdown. Happily the Information Centre is now securely a part of Regeneration Plan.

1.7 Report from David and Penny: The Secret Garden

David and Penny have lead the Secret Garden Project most successfully until the Lockdown. Monthly, second Sunday gardening and maintenance sessions are well attended by a steadfast group of 8 to 10 and the Secret garden is used as a learning resource about the wild environment for various children's events.

1.8 Report from Lucy: Adventure Learning

Hugh has delivered 150 education sessions with primary age kids. 1000 students have benefited from his Physics For Fun Rides and 200 more sessions were planned before Lockdown.

IDVerde were commissioned to deliver education in the borough but the wait goes on. IDVerde has also prevented the summer education programme, which was tailored to connect with the history and ecology of the park.

Hugh sadly resigned as the sessions were not supported so the Trust is needed to help take this forward.

Penny Read, responding- Yes it has been a fantastic programme for schools. There is good news that 'Beech' has started an education programme and will deliver a series of education based sessions.

Philip Kolvin responding- No conceptual whole and lack of money has prevented development for 4 years. Expecting that the new trust will bring out biodiversity and the history of the park. Jo Burns of The National Trust is supporting plans. There is need to harness local talent.

Lucy responding- Having devoted 8 years to the park it is a shame that Beckenham Place has more to offer a family with young children. The new contract with IDVerde has seen a decline in park maintenance, eg. 6 Months to repair the fountain. In addition Ecology management has been problematic with the pruning of nesting sites, poor litter clearance, inadequate signage. Litter signs and 'no barbecue' signs have been designed but not even

acknowledged by Bromley. The loss of The Heritage and Environment Group and The Community Fund has been felt acutely. The children's playground needs redesigning. In addition the lack of affordable housing in the regeneration plan is problematic.

George Irving responding- Back to basics required, Park Keepers are needed and would be cheaper than a company like IDVerde and having offered to resurface the top area did not even receive a response from IDVerde.

Lucy responding- Agreed, Some of the park rangers, Sue Holland in particular knew the park well. The role of The Friends and The Trust is blurred, communication between various interest groups needs to be better.

1.9 Annual Accounts

Please read PDF. There have been £8,400 receipts for events, various donations and the cafe selling healthy duck food. There was a grant work for the art work and Easter Egg Hunt. Balance now £12,000.

Accounts adopted.

1.10 Election of Committee

Lucy Hopkins (Chair), Anita Dyson (Secretary), Ray Sacks (Trustee), Peter Hore (Trustee) all re-elected

David Vallade (Vice Chair) formally elected

Andrew Crow and Andrea Kues-Johnson elected

1.11 Update and discussion from Mark Tempia and Philip Kolvin Co Chair CPPT

Would like to welcome new trustees which bring a range of experience and skills which will be required when running the park. It has been a busy lockdown with an incredible amount achieved. There are 7 new trustees including experts in fundraising, corporate communications and leadership. The influx of experts will take plans forward re events which will bring in money to improve the concert bowl. However no money to date and will have to pay for management. 'Urban Green' are an organisation running parks and open spaces in Macklesfield and their model may be of use in this situation. The contract with IDVerde has only just been made available and Valerie Shawcross has been instrumental in opening lines of communication between Bromley Council and the GLA.

Philip Kolvin Responding- Unconstrained events are not what's required but commercial expertise to find other sports and user interests which can be funded by raising money from a couple of major events each year. A range of smaller events some using the concert bowl involving local talent, cultural interest, Yoga, wedding parties, proms in park etc but if affordable housing is permitted there is no money left over for the park.

Angels Wilkins responding- Would hope that infrastructure would follow planning.

Ray Sacks - The Subway will have facilities put in. Other toilets in the park and other basics depend on money. Who gets the various incomes?

Philip Kolvin -Transmitters fees etc

Martin Tempia - The whole plan hinges on the housing development. Capel Manor have withdrawn the application to build a large educational establishment- but they will continue with the farm.

Andrea Ejohnson - As a local resident now saddened by how feral the park has become, lack of toilets, motorbikes unconstrained, speed limits not kept to, rubbish uncollected, illegal fishing, dumping of barbecues. The park feels unsafe and the basics of sanitation and security are missing.

Philip Kolvin- There are difficulties finding out who is responsible for what and who supervises the management. From Jan 22 we take responsibility for all those concerns. Stake Holder mapping is beginning to ascertain precise needs.

Martin Tempia- Urban Green monitored all contractors.

Penny Read - Contractors AMEY deal with toilets, Jack Thompson deals with events and security is dealt with by Toby Smith at Bromley. IDVerde are landscaping councillors and dialing 999 is the best way to deal illegal activities.

Ellinor - Park By-laws don't seem to apply in Crystal palace park.

Angela Wilkins – Will follow up.

Lucy- Time now up and closing the meeting.

Noreen Meaton from Crystal Palace Festival - Thank you Lucy for all your hard work and thank you David Vallade as well. Jack Thompson and Toby (security) should be at these meetings.

Thank you all for attending.

Anita Dyson Secretary

Friends of Crystal Palace Park
Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020

	Cash	Bank	Total 2020	Total 2019
Receipts				
Donations	0	305	305	1,535
Grants (restricted)	0	0	0	3,011
Adventure Learning	0	4,509	4,509	25,380
Info Centre Sales	105	56	161	65
Duck Food Sales	0	1,001	1,001	2,488
Concert Platform	0	1,775	1,775	70
Total Receipts	105	7,646	7,751	29,538

Payments				
Events	0	0	0	176
Secret Garden	15	0	15	10
Artwork/leaflets (Restricted)	0	300	300	875
Adventure Learning TOTAL	0	6,484	6,484	23,405
Adventure Learning Fees	0	4,376	4,376	16,743
Adventure Learning Expenses	0	669	669	
Adventure Learning Refund	0	1,440	1,440	6,662
Admin	0	0	0	75
Info centre equipment	0	15	15	78
Duck food	37	341	379	597
Art materials	52		52	38
Venue hire	0	0	0	120
Concert Platform	0	1,184	1,184	0
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	105	8,325	8,430	25,763

Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	0	-679	-679	3,774
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Opening Balances brought forward	Current account		12,181	8,408
	Cash		31	30
	Total		12,212	8,438

Closing Balances carried forward	Current account		11,502	12,181
	Cash		31	31
	Total		11,533	12,212

Grant (restricted) Rec'd 2017	10,394
Expenditure 2017	-4,592
Expenditure 2018	-1,916
Expenditure 2019	-875
Expenditure 2020	-300
C/F to 2020	2,711

Prepared by: Lucy Hopkins

Signature _____

Date

Reviewer's Certificate

The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of Friends of Crystal Palace Park for the year to 31 December 2020

Independent Reviewer:

Signature 

Date 10/1/22

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees/Members of The Friends of Crystal Palace Park

Charity no.: 1170259

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date

10/1/22

Name: Keith Trevor Andrews

Relevant Professional Qualifications:

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