

Report on activities

Events and activities

The reporting year 1/4/2020 to 31/3/2021 has coincided with a time of restrictions and uncertainty, due to measures introduced nationally to contain and manage the Covid-19 pandemic. The effects on CannHallCan have been that activities in the park have been restricted due to the park's being closed during the first lockdown, from 23/3/20 until 4/7/20, as it is largely a childrens' playpark. Even after playparks were opened again, it has also been difficult to plan activities, as we have had to take into account continuing restrictions, and two further lockdowns, both applied at short notice.

Events series

Despite restrictions and uncertainty, during the autumn, we liaised with local musicians to programme and hold a series of live music events in outdoor spaces. On 17/10/21 and 13/12/21 two local jazz musicians played outdoors, offering music to appeal to children and adults. Both events were considered a great success. Further such events were mooted, but a further lockdown (Jan-Mar 2021 inclusive) precluded any further events during this reporting year.

Part of our Event series was an Easter Egg hunt and giveaway that was organised, in Cann Hall Park, on Easter Sunday.

New Skatepark Design and completion

Towards the end of 2020, Waltham Forest Council determined that the wooden skatepark in Cann Hall Park should be replaced with a modern concrete skatepark, and CannHallCan was instrumental in determining the location and design of the new facility. We brought together a steering group, consisting of local skateboarders, parents, young people and members of the community to ensure the design of the new skate park was what the community needed and that it catered for all ages as well as building progression. The Steering Group met in Patch café, when we could, and virtually, when we were restricted, and worked in collaboration with the contracted builder, to design the new skatepark. It opened officially in April 2021, although it was being used as soon as it was complete, in February, and the feedback has been as positive as we could hope for.

Old Skatepark space Re-Imagined

The removal of the wooden skatepark has left a large asphalted area empty, and CannHallCan did a thorough research of other local playgrounds and open spaces, looked at what provision was missing

locally and specifically in the park, set up consultations with residents and put forward a full menu of ideas for infrastructure developments that might be installed. However, we were informed in February that there would be no Council funding in the foreseeable future for this space. Consequently, we are currently planning to work with the community to install seating and boards that can be used for street art, at minimal or no cost and harnessing local volunteer talent. We have been in discussions with the local council on safety and sign off at design, construction and completion phases. This is ongoing.

Community engagement & Supporting other local activity

We have actively sought to engage with our local community via Mutual Aid and Food banks during the pandemic, attending regular meetings. We have also attended meetings on local developments e.g. the commission of murals for the area and a new toy library. We actively engage with our community via 1-1 or group consultations and surveys. CannHallCan has been aware and supports local activity via promoting it through social media, signposting to residents and highlighting it in the newsletters. We supported the opening of a new community kitchen, local online singing activity to tackle isolation, an online summer camp for children during the pandemic, and art workshops and talks.

Jumble Sale

In September 2020 we worked with local residents and set up a jumble sale for the first time ever in this area. It was very successful and well received.

Market

In partnership with Patch Cafe we have initiated talks and plans about a local farmers' market being set up. Local community has been consulted and been extremely positive and a company has been engaged to start the negotiations.

Newsletters

We started creating bi-monthly newsletters that have been published and distributed through social media and direct mailing lists. These publicise local events and activities, invite residents' engagement through surveys and calls for active volunteer participation (e.g. to make and install seating in the old skatepark area), and give information on, for example, local vaccination centres and food banks.

Focus Groups

After the success of the Skatepark committee we set up a community DIY group called Handy Heroes and a Playspaces committee to look at play spaces and especially support the rethinking of the Dames Road playground located on Wasted Flats.

Café and pavilion

Having agreed a licence with Patch café on 15/2/20, the café was due to open in mid-April. However, on 23/3/20, we went into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and although cafes were permitted to offer takeaway services, the park was kept locked during this lockdown period, so there was no access for customers to the café. The café operator took the opportunity to fit out the café, paint the external walls of the pavilion, and install wooden seating along the front external wall. The café is also using a space behind the pavilion, and puts out portable tables and seats in the park.

The café opened to customers on 1/9/2020, and immediately was a great success, offering morning, lunchtime and afternoon service. During the November lockdown, and the 3-month January-March 2021 lockdown, the café offered takeaway service. The café has quickly become a valued local focal point and meeting place, for both informal get-togethers, and formal meetings (e.g. the skatepark Steering Group meetings, and a Council consultation on a nearby school street).

An office space continues to be let to a local resident.

Financial report

Turnover and profit

For the financial year 1/4/20 to 31/3/21: Turnover £10,306.93, Profit £5,100.06.

A full financial report for the period of the financial year is available.

Governance report

Loss of a Trustee

Sadly, we lost our Secretary, Bath Hardisty, who died suddenly on 29th April 2020. At the opening of Patch cafe, a plaque in memory of Beth was unveiled, honouring her commitment to CannHallCan, and her passion and sheer hard work from inception. We are still discussing with the Council where we may plant a tree in her memory. Sally Littlejohn has covered the Secretary role since then.

We continue to seek new potential Trustees.

Trustees meet monthly; most meetings this year have been virtual.

CannHallCan (Charity Number 1176254) Annual Accounts 01 04 2020 - 31 03 2021

Date	Transaction			In (£)	Out (£)	Balance (£)
01-Apr-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		4,475.20
06-Apr-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	189		4,664.20
01-May-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	200		4,864.20
04-May-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	126		4,990.20
01-Jun-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	200		5,190.20
30-Jun-20	Service Charge	Unity Bank			-18	5,172.20
01-Jul-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	200		5,372.20
31-Jul-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	1,260.00		6,632.20
03-Aug-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	200		6,832.20
03-Aug-20	B/P to: LB Waltham Forest	Lease Rent	500557218		-1,162.50	5,669.70
18-Aug-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	146.67		5,816.37
01-Sep-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		6,163.04
30-Sep-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	594.9		6,757.94
30-Sep-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	630		7,387.94
30-Sep-20	Service Charge	Unity Bank			-18	7,369.94
01-Oct-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		7,716.61
22-Oct-20	B/P to: LB Waltham Forest	Lease Rent	500557218		-1,162.50	6,554.11

22-Oct-20	B/P to: Jonathan Gee	Music event	CHC_MUSIC 18OCT 20		-120	6,434.11
22-Oct-20	B/P to: Zurich Charities	Insurance	30942921		-244.87	6,189.24
02-Nov-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		6,535.91
03-Nov-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	617		7,152.91
01-Dec-20	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		7,499.58
02-Dec-20	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	630		8,129.58
21-Dec-20	B/P to: Jonathan Gee	Music event	CHC_MUSIC 13DEC 20		-120	8,009.58
23-Dec-20	B/P to: LB Waltham Forest	Lease Rent	500600885		-1,162.50	6,847.08
31-Dec-20	Service Charge	Unity Bank			-18	6,829.08
04-Jan-21	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		7,175.75
05-Jan-21	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	630		7,805.75
01-Feb-21	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		8,152.42
02-Feb-21	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	630		8,782.42
01-Mar-21	ALIVE COMMS LIMITED	Rent	Repayment of Licence	346.67		9,129.09
02-Mar-21	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	640		9,769.09
26-Mar-21	B/P to: LB Waltham Forest	Lease Rent	500606146		-1,162.50	8,606.59
31-Mar-21	MOISE LEOUZON	Rent	Repayment of Licence	640		9,246.59
31-Mar-21	Service Charge	Unity Bank			-18	9,228.59
			TOTALS	10,306.93	5,206.87	

				Turnover	£10,306.93	
				Outgoings	£5,206.87	
				Profit	£5,100.06	