



Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods (FOC&SW)

Minutes of Zoom Committee meeting at 6:30pm on 12 July 2022

Present

Jane Andrews
Kirsty Blackman
John Bray
Karen King
Claire Osborn
Ian Wright (Idverde)

1. Introductions and welcome

Angela from Idverde was invited but could not attend.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The previous minutes and action points were agreed. Jane did not talk to Natural England about the bike track

Action Point 1: Jane to revise and add two sets of Committee Meeting minutes to the website

2. Update on developments

2.1 Noticeboards

Action point 2: Jane to order a noticeboard from Ian's contacts.

2.2 Waste bins

Jane chased the council, but no progress. Perhaps the "street scene" department is the one?

3. Events

Jane gave talk and led 180 year 1 Crofton Infants led through woods. They enjoyed it so likely to repeat next year

Jane's open garden went well.

Action point 3: Jane to organise a repeat guided walk of the woods on September 17 (reserve date 1st October)

Action point 4: Jane to consider running a coffee morning in October

Action point 5: Karen to check whether we should have a presence at the Petts Wood lights turning on

5. Projects

Councillor Simon Fawthrop is concerned about worn out playground, and suggests we talk to Gemma Mulley(?) to help to put in bid for money available

A councillor – Christopher Marlow was interested in the Gumping bridge

Action point 6: Jane to contact Andrew Simpson at Idverde about plans for similar bridges

6. Infrastructure

Camp on council land destroyed.

Council noticeboard at edge of playing field cut down with power saw. They will not replace.

Bench remains found. We have 2 benches around the playing field, and are 2 short. Kirsty talked to Angela about situation.

7. Membership

We now have 56 members and 83 on the email list. Claire has produced an electronic membership form with a heavy hint to pay a subscription, and will distribute.

8. Finances

With £80 from coffee morning, £46 donations balance is now £1383.

9. AOB

The ditch by the playing field is silting up.

Oak trees overhanging path by horses field. John did some crown lifting, /dverde some more.

Action point 6: Jane check long grass cutting plan with Angela and whether /dverde or volunteers need to do hay clearance

Ian from /dverde is not available to make the Work Groups weekly

Winter plan: Thinning, coppice new compartment by St Thomas open space, reducing brambles to favour bluebells. BCV sessions before and after Christmas

Meeting closed 7:59 pm, next meeting Tue 8th Nov 18.30

John Bray