



## Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods (FOC&SW)

### Minutes of Zoom Committee meeting at 6:30pm on 8 November 2022

#### **Present**

Jane Andrews  
John Bray  
Karen King  
Claire Osborn

#### **1. Introductions and welcome**

idverde staff had not been invited. Kirsty was unavailable for the meeting

#### **2. Minutes from last meeting**

The previous minutes and action points were agreed. Jane has uploaded them to the website.

Jane still chasing about waste bins to the west of the woods.

#### **3. Updates**

Two guided walks were held in September and October 2022. They were well attended with numbers between 10 and 20.

A coffee morning will be held on Sat 3rd Dec 2022.

#### **Action Point 1: Karen to post ad for the coffee morning in Morrisons**

Petts Wood and Crofton Residents Associations would be contacted.

NextDoor postings were suggested.

It was agreed to skip Petts Wood Christmas Lights Turning On, but consider attending the 2023 May Fayre.

The park bench situation remained uncertain - may have playground benches replaced by picnic benches, so we can have them reinstalled in the recreation ground.

It was noted that there was not enough long grass in the rewilding area to worry about raking off the recreation ground margins

Karen had submitted a £20k grant application for playground improvement. It had support of 145 people and 3 Local Councillors. It was agreed to schedule a meeting the bid was successful.

Noticeboard construction was progressing, with 3 sites chosen. Ian Wright had agreed to help erect them.

Jane was researching the history of the Isleworth Bluecoat School signage.

Jane had talked to the Crofton Residents Association AGM on behalf of FoC&SW

Jane had contacted Crofton Place and Sparrow Drive Residents Association. They work on paper only.

Jane had posted on Oregon Square Residents Association FB page.

Jane had interviewed a Crofton Residents Assoc member to get an oral history of the 1974 public enquiry.

Mel Wright, nature writer for the Petts Wood Gazette has offered to lead a fungi walk.

### **3. Treasurer**

7 payments, £10 in donations leading to £136 rise to a £1443 balance.

### **4. Membership**

Claire's email prompt to members' dues in April had got 7 payments. 4 more members had been subscribed. Claire was planning a new membership process using Google forms, and would be preparing a mailshot to all members for February 2023.

### **4. AOB**

A 6' by 2' banner was purchased for £35.

Friends Forum £300 grants available, could be used for the £500 contribution towards the playground scheme if successful, for something like paint.

Jane would be attending the forthcoming Bromley Friends Forum AGM

It was noted that the bridge across the stream by the playing fields has a very muddy approach. It needs proper drainage installed and level restored. Andy Harby from *idverde* had offered his help in rebuilding the bridge.

Dog waste bags had been obtained from *idverde* and distributed to the three people maintaining them.

John expressed concern about the risk if the website material was irretrievably lost by the provider.,

**Action Point 2: Jane to check we have a backup policy for the website**

Next meeting Tues 24 Jan 2023 6.30 pm

John Bray

[These minutes were approved at the Committee meeting on 24 January 2023.]