



Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods (FOC&SW)

Minutes of Zoom Committee meeting at 6:30pm on 29 March 2023

Present

Jane Andrews
John Bray
Karen King
Claire Osborn
Kirsty Blackman

Apologies: Ian Wright

Jan minutes approved.

Slow progress on playground. Benches freed up by the refurb will be reused.

3 noticeboards installed.

FOCSW will attend the Petts Wood May Fayre on May 1.

A monthly Sat work session has been proposed led by Caroline.

No progress on Football club container.

Kirsty working on independent sewage measurements.

No progress on major bridge, and prices are rocketing.

23 members renewed, 2 new out of 90 total on our list.

£297 income, including £132 from the Friends Forum. £280 out on website leaving a £1860 balance.

The AGM is planned for Wed 17th May 7.30-9 with refreshments, no external speaker, instead Jane will present on history and updates.

We plan to restore the posts for the Crofton Circular Walk. Ideas mooted to get walk text for noticeboards, add What3Words to the roundels and adopt as a FOCSW circular walk.

We bid £3k to get 2 lectern interpretation boards, one on history for St Thomas Open Space, one on wildlife. Need to be in Farnborough and Crofton ward to avoid clash with playground award from Petts Wood ward. £2260 for the physicals, £1k the artwork, so £3250 project cost. Would the FE college be interested in doing this as a project?

Veolia's Sustainability Fund has £10kish grants available, but we have no obvious projects to use it.

Meeting ended 19:36

Date of Next Meeting: Tue 6th June