



# FRIENDS OF BRUNSWICK PARK N15

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Lomond Hall, on Lomond Close, N15 5DF

## **Annual General Meeting**

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### **Agenda**

- 1. Introductions & apologies**
- 2. Approval of minutes**

3. **Treasurer's report**
  4. **Update on ASB, including progress on residents' petition**
  5. **Park improvements**
  6. **Summer party**
  7. **Election of FoBP Committee Officers**
  8. **Next meeting date**
  9. **AOB**
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## **1. Introductions & apologies**

Attendees:

Charlotte, Robert, Maurice, Mike, Melissa (Rosyln Road)  
Brenda (Lomond Close)  
Vicky (Southey Road)  
Eileen (Beaconsfield Road)  
Lily Labonte (Physical Activity Officer, Haringey Council)  
Issadoros Diakides – (Councillor, Tottenham Green Ward)

Apologies: Nick, Daisy, Maggie, Patrick

## **2. Approval of minutes (25 September 2018)**

Charlotte (Chair) and Robert (Deputy Chair) ran through the action points from the previous minutes, all of which have been completed.

The minutes were approved.

## **3. Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer (Mike) reported that the Friends of Brunswick Park N15 community bank account will be opened with Metro Bank in the next week. There will be £194.96 in the account.

## **4. Update on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Brunswick Park and surrounding area**

Brenda and Robert attended the Police Ward Panel meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November and reported the issues with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in and around the park. The police are aware of these issues and had been taking steps to disrupt this activity – attendees who live close to the park noted that they have recently witnessed greater police activity in and around the park, including more weapons sweeps and undercover officers on patrol.

Robert noted that at the Ward meeting the Council Enforcement Officer, Brian Ellick, had commented that private residents' CCTV cameras played a useful role in deterring ASB and criminal activity. Charlotte noted her disappointment that police officers had not shown an interest in her neighbour's CCTV footage following a recent ASB incident on her property.

Brenda noted that there was a large pile of alcohol cans left in the park that have not been cleared away by the council. Lily will take this back to her council colleagues.

Mike asked about the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that covers the Park and surrounding streets – why have only nine £100 fines been issued since it was established in 2016? Issadoros responded that fines only have limited value in generating long-term behaviour change but suggested that Brian Ellick would be best placed to speak to FoBP group about the PSPO and addressing ASB.

**Action Point: FoBP to invite Brian to attend the next meeting**

Mike updated the group that since the last meeting he has set up an online petition to the council highlighting the ASB issues and makes four suggestions for the council and police;

- enforce the PSPO with frequent police patrols of the park, especially after sunset, and use the powers it provides to hand out more penalty notices and fines;
- fully enforce parking restrictions late at night and on weekends along the length of Brunswick Road, to prevent gangs from parking cars as they conduct drug deals;
- work with the Friends of Brunswick Park N15 to install more effective gating, such as U- or L-chicanes, to the park's Brunswick and Birstall Road entrances to block motorcycle traffic and slow down pedal cycles;
- work with local residents and the Friends of Brunswick Park N15 on a programme of temporary security cameras in the affected areas.

The petition has been signed 163 times online. Paper copies of the petition have been printed; the FoBP group needs residents to go door-to-door to collect signatures. **Action point: All signatures for the petition to be collected by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. If residents can help with collecting signatures, please let the Secretary (Vicky) know.**

## 5. Park improvements

A notice board has now been erected in the park, opposite basketball court. **Action point: Lily to find out who has set of keys and let committee members know.**

Lily shared calendar of events taking place locally and nationally, as well as a draft schedule of short to long-term event ideas and useful training suggestions for the group. She suggested that the FoBP group survey residents to ask for their ideas on how they want the park to be used. She will share a draft survey questionnaire with FoBP.

Lily is working on getting funding for the various resident's groups she supports including FoBP e.g. to find funds to update the equipment in the children's park.

**Action point: Lily to share draft calendar of events, event ideas schedule and consultation questionnaire with the FoBP Committee. Committee to meet to discuss event ideas.**

## 6. Summer party

**Action point: Committee to review timetable shared by Lily and consider dates for holding a summer party.**

## 7. Election of Management Committee officers

All four committee members expressed their wish to continue in their respective roles.

Charlotte's reappointment as Chair was proposed by Melissa, seconded by Robert and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Robert's reappointment as Deputy Chair was proposed by Charlotte, seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Mike's reappointment as Treasurer was proposed by Robert, seconded by Charlotte, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Vicky's reappointment as Secretary was proposed by Melissa and seconded by Eileen and unanimously approved by the meeting.

## 8. Next meeting date

Next meeting will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm in Lomond Hall, Lomond Close. N15 5DF.**

## 9. AOB

- Eileen shared a flyer for a screening of 'Love & Revolution' at Haringey Independent Cinema on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Doors open at 7pm, held at Park View School. West Green Road, London, N15 3RB. Tickets are £4.
- Eileen expressed concern that when the new trees planted in the park grow they will obscure vision and create places to hide and become a security risk. Charlotte responded that the species of trees that have been planted are unlikely to grow that big and have been planted with the aim of making the park more wildlife-friendly. Attendees agreed to keep this issue on the agenda and take action if the trees need cutting back.
- **The next litter-picking session will take place at 11am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**