

## Friends of St George Park Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting held 7:30pm, 27 August 2020

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### Attendees

Chris, Drew, Janice, Kate, Nick.

Apologies: Maggie, Robin.

### Minutes from 23 July Meeting

1. The 23 July minutes were approved.
2. Friends business cards are available to give to interested people, contact Nick if you want some.
3. No volunteers to do a group promo video, so this has been dropped.
4. Photo calendar has been launched. See our web site. **Kate/Nick** to keep it visible on Facebook.
5. We have signed the Council Friends pledge to support better working with the Council.
6. Fundraising and donations and what we should spend money on was **carried forward**.

### Lake Project

7. Asher Craig has confirmed the £300k needed to maintain the wall is not now available and will need to await the new funding system or we will need to fundraise.
8. Some work has been carried out on the lake water supply, but no repairs have been made yet.
9. There were no lake project meetings in July or August as Council staff were not available. Next meeting planned for 7 September.

### Community Garden Group

10. No news – update next meeting.
11. **Nick** will talk about a tap with Teija on 9 September.

### South Side Rewilding Project

12. Kate updated the group on recent activities (more details in last newsletter) to improve the ecology of the south side. The group was holding a bioblitz over the bank holiday weekend where people would be invited to send in photos of plants, bugs and wildlife so we build up a picture of the park ecology, see our website for more information.
13. Kate has contacted Becky Belfin (Council Environmental Officer) and found out that the Council have been carrying out an ecological survey on the side south and around the lake which we were not aware of. Kate hopes to meet with Becky soon to discuss the survey results and our project.
14. Liz G has organised a bat walk on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> led by Steve England. The 15 places had been taken within 2 days of launch. The event is funded by the donations from the participants.

### Wheelpark Elevate Project

15. No news – update next meeting.

### Any Other Business

16. Duck food is again being offered at the Bake Box at the request of staff who were inundated with requests. We are getting donations of more than £25 per week.
17. Chris noted local antisocial behaviour issues affecting the roads on the north side of the park which were affecting the park including the use and discarding small silver gas canisters. **Chris** to keep group informed. **Kate** to check law on sale of these canisters by the shop on Whitehall Road.

### Pending Actions from earlier meetings

Included so they are not lost.

- 18. **Treasurer** purchase 5 more high-vis jackets for litter picks – on hold due to Covid.
- 19. **Treasurer** to source two metal donation tins, let Chair know what format artwork is needed.
- 20. Consider a Christmas craft market depending on Covid
- 21. Create a Mural on the “cow shed” graffiti. Asher will support us. Needs Council approval.
- 22. **Chair** to monitor decisions by Bowling Club on future use of bowling greens.

### Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 2:30, Sunday 20 September in the park (subject to the weather and Covid).

This will be the 2020 Annual General Meeting and include election of the Management Committee for the next year. Further information will be sent out at least 10 days before the meeting in accordance with our constitution.

### Minutes agreed & approved

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