

Friends of Inwood Park Group



Open Members Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 29nd November 2023

Venue: The Milford Arms, London Road, Isleworth, TW7 4EY

Meeting Opened: 19:15

Attendees:

Committee:

Jean Oxborrow (JO) – Chair, Dianne Culbert (DC) – Vice Chair, Tanya Whatley (TW) – Secretary, Paul Hudson (PH) – Treasurer, Sarah Oxborrow (SO) – Communications, Jade Hill (JH) – Communications, Cyndi Crasto (CC) – Communications.

Other Attendees:

DL, JM, ED, KM, IB, JM, ML, BL

Apologies for Absence:

SG, RB, MR1, MR2, NA, LS, JS

Welcome and Introduction (JO)

- JO welcomed all to the Open Members Meeting.
- JO introduced Committee Members
- JO noted Apologies for Absence

Understanding the Group (JO)

- JO spoke about our Vision and Mission.
- The Group's responsibilities were discussed by the committee

Purpose of the Meeting (DC)

- DC noted the reason for having this meeting?
- DC spoke about why we need the community to make the Group's mission a success.
- DC asked the attendees "What do you want from Friends of Inwood Park Group".
 - Great discussion had with many varied ideas, from dog walkers and other users of the park.
 - The regular use of the park by homeless people was discussed. Further investigation into solving this issue is required
 - It was noted that there is not a regular visible police presence in the park. Committee to discuss with community policing team.
 - see Appendix 1 for list of ideas

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Meetings of the Group (TW)

- TW informed the attendees of the following meetings
 - Quarterly Committee Meetings
 - Annual General Meeting
 - Members' meetings will be scheduled for occasions of significant announcements

Communication Channels (JH/SO)

- JH spoke to the attendees on the methods the committee will use to keep in touch with the community. These will be
 - WhatsApp
 - Regular e-Newsletters / Mailings
 - Regular notices on the notice boards in the Park
 - Facebook – search Friends of Inwood Park or use <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553411919945>
 - Instagram – <https://instagram.com/friendsofinwoodpark>
 - Website – <https://e-voice.org.uk/foip/>
 - Email – friendsofinwoodpark@outlook.com
 - The committee can be contacted via this email address
- SO spoke about the new website, and explained the committee will be using this for the calendar to advertise events, and show case photos of the park.
- SO / JH asked that the attendees where they could, post photos on the social platforms including the website to enable promotion of the Park.

Any Other Business

- JO opened the floor for discussion
 - ED noted he knows a couple of councillors and is willing to help us with any interactions needed.
 - ED offered to volunteer where possible
 - KM also knows councillors and is happy to assist with introductions
 - JM explained she still has the original Friends groups money and has a Friends bank account. Will liaise with PH with the objective for us to take over the bank account and any monies held.
 - JM / DL discussed previous funding they had received, and where it had been used.
 - JM handed TW a utility bill for the café, TW to review this.
 - DL mentioned that the next Police Panel Meeting at the Youth Centre, Hounslow would be on Thursday 7th December @ 19:30. All welcome
- Christmas Party on December 10th
 - Theme: "International Christmas Space Station" to celebrate the diversity of the users of the park

Annual General Meeting

- June 2024 – Date to be announced closer to the time

Meeting Closed: 20:15

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Appendix 1

Ideas List from the attendees

- Apply for funding and grants to enhance the facilities within the park
- Bench by Livingston Road entrance and other areas of the park
- More lighting throughout the park
- Better signage for dog Park
- Café roof to be fixed/ café to be renovated for use
- CCTV installed at the other end of park by Dog Park
- Mobility friendly gates /access / egress areas
- All weather track around park with mile markers. Use in and around wooded area to encourage use.
- Dog agility equipment sourced and installed / stored in Dog Park for use by all
- Volunteering days to assist Static park keeper. (weeding, gardening, litter picking, etc)
- Events and parties to celebrate significant events during the year.
- Drinking Water Fountain
- Improved Signage for the Park
- Signage for the Dog Park to properly designate it a dog park.