

Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground

Annual General Meeting 28.11.17

Attendees:

Sue Burden
Anna Gilbert
Katy Robins
Pam Ibrahima
Peter Hart
Michael Fletcher
Ruth Gledhill
Grant Lewison
Nicholas Turner
Begona Lugg

Key points agreed were:

New Committee was elected as follows:

Sue Burden: Chair
Anna Gilbert: Treasurer (to hand over the treasurer's responsibilities to Grant Lewison over the next year)
Katy Robins: Secretary
Peter Hart: Environment
Pam Ibrahima: Dog Club
Michael Fletcher: Membership
Ruth Gledhill: Communications
Grant Lewison: to become Treasurer by next year

Special welcome to Grant, our new committee member and a **big thank you** to all those serving again - your dedication has achieved great things for our community and we are all very grateful!

Areas of focus for the next 12 months (more details in the AGM document):

1. Tree Project:

- **obtaining funding for labelling of all 98 trees** in the Rec and creating Tree Walk material for children / adults
- **getting 3-4 small fruit trees planted** (by Richmond Council) to replace dead trees and to represent our area's history as market garden / orchards - this will also be a focus for one of the Tree Walks
- **creating a photographic record of all our trees:** volunteers will be needed for this (5 photos of each tree - 1 per season and 1 of leaf / fruit - 3 trees per volunteer) - watch out for an email about this soon
- **starting to plan for a Tree Fest event** in Summer 2019

2. Path Maintenance:

Encouraging Richmond Council to fill in the potholes / rectify uneven surfaces in the paths by Marksbury Avenue entrance and the path in front of the pavilion asap - they cause unacceptable hazards, particularly for anyone using a wheelchair / walking aids

Other areas discussed included:

- Outdoor Gym:

- Anna and Grant kindly agreed to run some **free introductory classes** - more news soon
- We will ask Richmond Council for a litter bin in the gym area / oiling for the cross skier / more prominent min height info / if sweeping up conkers (currently a trip hazard in the matting) could be added to maintenance contract

- **Dog Club Photographic exhibition:** probably January - more news on this soon

- **The fixed play equipment in the paddling pool:** this appears to be a safety hazard
- children climb onto the roof part and there were 3 accidents related to children climbing on it that needed attention from the café first aid last year - it has no soft surface around it and does not get played with a lot as a water play item as it does not have a water supply; we will ask Richmond Council to remove it / deal with this issue, particularly the roof part