

Friends of Windmill Gardens

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26 June 2014, 7.15pm

Minutes

1. Apologies

Apologies: Adrian Garden, Laura Morland, Lucia Otoyá, Martin Tiederman, Carolyn Wenitz, Owen Llewellyn, Richard Santhiri, Carly Haslam, Sue Murray, Lesley Pryde

Present: Jean Kerrigan, Magdalen Rubalcava, Penny Steele, Shaun Wilson, Laura Zauli, Sandra Watts, Jill Reyes, Chris Patton, June Stillman, Nick Weedon, Annick Alet, Richard Dutton, Eamon Maguire, Alan Piper, Emily Haston, Kim Winter, Viv Whittingham, Sujata Biswas, Stephen Lawlor

2. Minutes of last AGM

Agreed as true record

3. Chair's annual report

Jean Kerrigan presented the Chair's report (attached). Highlights:

- Maintenance work has been done – mill painted inside and out, seals added to windows and doors to prevent water entry. Should open doors and windows whenever possible this summer to air the building. Still a problem with water entry through door on first floor, and spring sails need fixing. Money from HLF has now been released to tackle water ingress, provide ladder into cap, provide grilles on windows and train volunteers on how to run electric stones.
- We had two millers visit the mill (from York and Cambridge) to assess feasibility of grinding flour. Agreed to ask Jonathan Cook to run the stones to assess the quality of the meal. Lambeth Council have agreed this can take place after another visit from a structural engineer. So we will be looking for volunteers to train, who are willing to commit to regular milling if it goes ahead.
- Funding for the Development and Education Officer (DEO) post runs out in 2015. Lambeth Council is committed to a 10-year maintenance programme, but money is short. We need a serious discussion about future funding. Should we apply for match funding? As we have more limited access to the Stay & Play building should we campaign for a separate education centre that we can use for other purposes? Where will money come to improve the park? We need to take the wishes of BGRMO and other users into account.
- Main achievements:
 - We opened every day we said we would, despite shortages of volunteers at times!
 - We had a brilliant parade and festival (weekend just gone).
 - We had a very successful Mill Memories project – exhibition was in Brixton Library and will be in Clapham Library in July and Minet Library for heritage festival in September.
 - The ping pong table has been very popular, we have two new benches with smart granite setts, and the water fountain has finally been fixed (still need decent water pressure). Bat walk on 24 July.

- Always looking for members of subgroups and other volunteers: currently need help from people with PR experience, volunteer and membership co-ordinators. Volunteers please check the Doodle calendar to see which dates we are short of help.

Chair's report accepted.

4. Treasurer's report (see p.x)

Shaun Wilson circulated the treasurer's report (attached). We had a good year – made our £2,000 contribution to the HLF and still had money left! Total income for the year was £13,532.29, exc PayPal.

- Restricted funds are those that can be spent only on specific items (eg Mill Memories, Flour Fund). Unrestricted funds we can spend as we like.
- Money from Windmill loaves still to come.
- We don't have to be audited but could have independent examiner. Alan Piper suggested that we could have a reciprocal arrangement with another community group.

Treasurer's report accepted.

5. Election of officers and executive committee

List of officers proposed

Name	Position	Proposed	Seconded
Jean Kerrigan	Chair	Lucia Otoyá	Kim Winter
Nick Weedon	Vice Chair	Magdalen Rubalcava	Sandra Watts
Sandra Watts	Secretary	Jean Kerrigan	Magdalen Rubalcava
Shaun Wilson	Treasurer	Laura Zauli	Annick Alet

All accepted

List of other members of executive committee proposed

Name	Proposed	Seconded
Eamon Maguire	Magdalen Rubalcava	Jean Kerrigan
Chris Patton	Lucia Otoyá	Penny Steele
Viv Whittingham	Jean Kerrigan	Sandra Watts
Owen Llewellyn	Kim Winter	Emily Haston
Kim Winter	Magdalen Rubalcava	Laura Zauli
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Name	Proposed	Seconded
Stephanie Oakley	Laura Zauli	Sandra Watts
Adrian Worrall	Magdalen Rubalcava	Nick Weedon
Sujata Biswas	Chris Patton	Shaun Wilson

All accepted

6. Members' proposals

Proposal by Emily Haston (artist name Emerald Dunne)

Emily proposed an exhibition of her work in Brixton Windmill. Her work is abstract, based on the theme of a circle, which she thinks would be appropriate. She has had quite a lot of exhibitions, including in Japan. The size of her works is normally around 1.2mx0.8m, but she would make smaller works, around 70x50cm, for this exhibition. She is also happy to run workshops in making mosaics and stained glass panels, for Art in the Park.

Agreed: Emily will talk to Magdalen about the exhibition and to Annick about Art in the Park.

7. AOB

- Sue Sheehan wants to organise a day for her section to come and work at the windmill. Jean suggested they might be able to oil the floors.
- Richard Dutton asked if FoWG has a stall at the Lambeth Country Show on 19-20 July. Yes – an email will be going out asking for volunteers. Agreed that Lambeth Environment Dept can use some of our display panels at the show.
- Date of music event on website needs to be changed to Sunday 13 July.
- We also need to arrange training for more guides – this can be done in the evening during the summer.

8. Next proposed meeting date

25 June 2015