

# 14 December, 2009 Minutes

Present: Jim R, Allen, Celia, Jon, Luke, Ben, Eloise, David, Laura

Sarah Smith from Groundwork spoke on how she could help us with fundraising support to help us deliver our highest priority projects. Sarah is the Community Programme Manager in SE London and has been commissioned by Southwark Parks Dept. to assist four groups (Surrey Square, Dickens Square, Geraldine Mary Harmsworth and Nursery Row.)

**ACTION:** All to review the list, indicate priorities (i.e. top, ones you are strongly opposed to, ones you are ambivalent about, ones I have missed), by 7th January please!

ID	Project Idea	Potential funding source	Poss. Cost	Priority level
1	<u>Playrangers</u> To supervise play of unaccompanied over-8s (or accompanied under-8s) on the new <u>Playbuilder</u> equipment in late Spring/Summer. For around £3,000 we are likely to be able to get 10-20 two-hour sessions with two play leaders, covering activities plus first aid, with <u>EqNRP</u> to lead on publicity (though fund will assist), to help us raise profile of new play equipment. Would have "event" to launch the sessions. Could link into East St Market for publicity.	<u>Placemakers</u> , Groundwork funding stream (app. form attached to notes) (no deadline, but ideally in by end Jan). Funding in place for next 2 yrs.	£3k	
2	<u>Tree lighting - Plane Trees</u> Putting tree lights in Plane Trees to assist with making tree area more attractive at dusk and marking out the start and end of new path. <i>Post meeting note - Luke met with head of Lighting in Southwark on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to discuss. Likely to cost £5-£10k per tree! However this will cover installation and maintenance of everything but electricity for 15-20 yrs (uses LEDs) and electricity consumption will be very low. Each tree needs a transformer box c 3ft high. Likely to focus on the two trees at each end of the East St - Orb St path to create a visible "route" (?comments pls!)</i>	CGS (deadline 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2010)	£20-£40k	
3	<u>Entrances / improving park identity</u> Range of ideas discussed - to improve "coherence" and "reinforce identity" of park by having some consistent signage or artwork at all entrances. Should aim to ensure community engagement (i.e. artwork/designs lead by children from nearby schools, need to agree a theme or design standard. Ideas included wooden totem poles (note woodturning classes on Aylesbury under Art in the Park theme), metal signage or entrance arches (note need a blacksmith? Can we involve <u>Benbow's?</u> ) Cf. River Cray path carving.	Community Spaces <a href="http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/community-spaces.aspx">http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/community-spaces.aspx</a>	?£5-£50k	
4	<u>Scrape in Community Orchard</u> To install a small scrape (wet area which dries up in summer) within the community orchard to encourage wildlife.	Internal funds/ <u>EqNRP</u> Work day?	£500?	
5	<u>"Crown Terrace" Planting/Knee rail</u> To continue the knee rail around the corner into Brandon Street, and to develop a planting plan for flower beds behind.	Browning EMB £100 / <u>EqNRP</u> Work day? Ideally <b>To do Jan/Feb!</b>	£500	
6	<u>Community Gardening</u> Tools, picnic tables, plants, storage for encouraging more community gardening and facilitating events.	Community Spaces	?£5-10k?	

7	<u>Events</u> Funding for future events.	Could come from a larger funding bid (i.e. "launch event" can be included in Community Spaces and CGS). Perhaps Walworth Community Council Fund Grassroots fund ( <a href="http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/grassroots-grants">http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/grassroots-grants</a> for amounts £250-£5000	£500-£1,000	
8	<u>Improving the East St market / Nursery Row Park border</u> Need to liaise further with Cllr Lorraine Lauder and Matt Steele (market community liaison officer) to develop a joint proposition. Could encompass removal of redundant equipment blocking edge of path, cleaning up of "loo corner", some linkage with Market events/stalls?	Community Spaces	??	
9	<u>Hedge extension / more tree planting</u> To plant around remainder of orchard to establish a continuous hedge around northern perimeter of park (adjacent to new housing blocks) To develop a row of walnut trees along the new path to Rodney Road (north of where existing avenue planted in 2007 gave up.) using the whips we have already, potted up and grown on.	Should encourage East Walworth Green links to join Tree Council, this would enable us to bid for the "hedge fund" (application already drafted.) Alternative Community Tree <a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=node/24">http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=node/24</a> Must match fund 25%, involve under-25s in planting.	£500-700	
10	<u>Green Gym</u> To install one or more pieces of "green gym" equipment to encourage adult activities in park as well as children. As per Horn Park in <u>Eltham</u> .	Community Spaces	c£40-50k	
10	Anything else?			

#### Other Business-

Interpretation boards: to finalise in Jan/Feb latest. Outing to Wisley one weekend in early January to be arranged if poss. ACTION: Jim R to set date.

Everyone wished Eloise, Ben and Theo all the best for their move to Athens in February!

#### Key Dates for diary-

By 8th January CGS bid submitted (Luke to forward draft bid early that week for comment, expecting detailed costings from head of lighting at Southwark).

By 9th January All to respond on priorities to Luke so we can forward agreed list to Sarah Smith at Groundwork who will then draw up a plan.

Saturday 9th January (all day, North London tbc): London Orchard Project Training Day. We have four (perhaps more if we ask nicely) spaces, please let me know if you can come ASAP!

TBC early January: Wisley Trip

Monday 18th January (7pm 67 Balfour Street): Friends of Nursery Row Park meeting to review Sarah Smith's strategy based on our priorities. Also to review quotes for new paths from Robin Caig (09/10 CGS) and agree approach.

Sat 6th February 10-1: London Orchard Project planting of the 10 old English apple, pear and plum with Russell. Varieties: Apple – Discovery, Greensleeves, 3. Falstaff, James Grieve, Worcester Pearmain, Cox's Orange Pippin, London Pearmain. Pears – Conference, Beth. Plum: Blue Tit.

Sat 27th February 10-1: Possible Green Week ULU Islamic Society event in Nursery Row Park: Zubair Siddiqui contacted us to see if we can help them have a planting day at Nursery Row Park with volunteers (largely from Barts hospital). To be confirmed.