

# 2 September, 2009 Minutes

1. Apologies- Allen, Jim R, David, Laura

2. Event Feedback-

Discussed what went well and what could be improved.

Some specific ideas for next time:

- a) ensure all activity-based stalls have sheets to record numbers and names of those making use of them [noting that Dr Bike should have counted users as funding is from TfL] – also gives us better idea of numbers attending for publicity purposes
- b) asking children to help give out leaflets, wearing yellow jackets, was very successful as long as were given quick briefing on where to go and what not to do
- c) Dr Bike needs only 2 mechanics, not 4
- d) Music should be booked earlier, and different publicity measures to attract adults too

**ACTION:** Jon to work with those involved (who are keen to come back) to try to get this done earlier.

Other thoughts included:

a) impromptu swing in trees worked very well indeed and helped us to visualise what other natural play facilities there would be like

**ACTION:** Luke to send thank you to Sean, Emma to send Sean's address to Luke

b) sports went very well, all to think about other possible games for next time

c) using hill for music very successful – did work as a natural stage, no complaints received from neighbours for noise.

d) ask traders representatives and Cllr Lauder to think about whether we can join forces next year – key issues from NRP group were to ensure that activities remain free to users.

**ACTION:** Luke to invite Cllr Lauder to discuss this

3. Playbuilder-

Emma circulated some feedback from consultees so far. Most popular of ideas suggested were wigwam, poles, net and swings. Difference of view on fencing and on placing equipment throughout park. Agreed that it was not clear how these differences would be resolved.

**ACTION:** Julia to be asked to come back and discuss impact of consultation on plans [note that further consultation is planned for 8th and 23rd Sept with TRAs] and ideally to email PDFs of revised plans to group before next meeting (16th Sept)

4. Other play issues-

Agreed that basketball net (perhaps supported on telegraph pole) was a popular item and we could perhaps get on and do this now with some of existing CGS fund. Post meeting note; possible suitable site found for this at south end of girders.

**ACTION:**

Emma to consult Julia,

Luke to contact Grant Lambie,

Emma and Luke to discuss with relevant Southwark depts.

David and Laura's photos of visit to Mile End park to be uploaded and circulated

ACTION: Luke to circulate

5. CGS bid for paths-

Robin Caig, Southwark project manager, to contact group

Post meeting note: Luke to meet Robin with Tom at 8am Thursday 9th, others welcome to join, for quick site visit.

6. Meadow-

Discussion about feasibility of alternative measures of renewing meadow in light of Quadron's proposal to make good cutting in spring.

Noted that earth is very hard and that plugs probably not feasible given size of area. Likely method seems to be to ask Quadron to scarify meadow once cut, and then to plan seeds by sewing or through seeded soil.

ACTION: Celia to review options and report views.

7. AOB-

Emma kindly agreed to ask Parks to install park name boards (Southwark standard format) at each (of the 5) entrances without. Currently only East St west has these.

ACTION: Emma to investigate and report back

Display board-

ACTION: Luke to give two keys to Emma

ACTION: Jon to develop sign for board

Web pages-

ACTION:

Jon to discuss with Geoff how to update NRP site

Luke to check Southwark text and update if needed

Next event-

Likely to be in November – bulbs, play equipment (basket ball hoop?) and orchard.

8. Next meeting-

Weds 16th September 7pm 67 Balfour St