

The Friends of Sutton Common Park

23rd Annual General Meeting

To be held at 11.00am on Saturday 4th December 2021

At Sutton Common Park, by the Main Notice Board

(Parking available in the car park)

Plan B ; If it's raining or snowing we will meet in The Life Centre

Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting (5th Dec' 2020)
4. Any Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Annual Report (2020-2021)
6. Treasurers Report/ Membership Report (2020-2021)
7. Election of Officers
 - (a) Chair
 - (b) Vice Chair
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Secretary
8. Election of Management Meeting (Up to 12 members)
9. Inspection of SCP front entrance.
10. AOB
11. Close

NB Christmas greetings and collect subs

FOSCP Minutes of 22nd AGM held at SCP 5th December 2020

1) Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman Ray Leyden welcomed the following in attendance ;

Russell Bennett, Ken Haagman, Jean Haagman, Dave Morgan and Marjorie Farrell

2) Apologies ; Antonio Di Angelo

3) Minutes of last meeting ; No comment, passed as a true record

4) Any matters arising ; None

5) Chairman's Annual Report ; The Chairman tabled his Annual Report 2019- 2020.

A copy had been circulated prior to the meeting and the report was adopted

6) Treasurers / Membership Report ; In the absence of Antonio the Chairman tabled the Treasurers and Membership Report 2019-2020 and it was adopted. Also Antonio updated the membership form. A vote of thanks was given.

7) Election of Officers ; The undermentioned have agreed to serve for the upcoming year Ray Leyden - Chair, Russell Bennett -Vice Chair, Antonio Di Angelo- Treasurer, Secretary- position open.

8) Election of Management Committee ; Jean Haagman, Dave Morgan and Marjorie Farrell. Noted Ken Haagman retired from the committee due to health issues. He was thanked for his long service and support.

9) New small planting tree proposal by LBS ; Apparently some new whip trees but nothing further to report

10) AOB ; None

11) Close ; The Chairman advised we intend to post all our AGM 2020 docs reports on the Friends website www.foscp.org.uk which can be viewed by members and visitors.

Post meeting notes ; After the meeting Dave and Ray walked along the park Prow 7 Walkway and met a neighbour Chris of Amberley Way who lives at the end house by the park. We spoke to him about No- mans land on Merton/Sutton boundary and he said speak to Mark Lines about ownership who later confirmed the residents own the land.

Chairman's Report 2020-2021

The Covid 19 rules ended in England on the 19th July 2021 due the successful immunization programme which ended the emergency rules in Parks. However it has had an impact on ongoing maintenance in the park and efforts are being made to improve the subcontracted service from Idverdi. We had a surprise snowfall in February and we added some winter wonderland photos to our website showing the new artificial cricket pitch which has been introduced this year. So we now have Football and cricket pitches in the Park. Through the Football Association we are pleased to advise our resident Ace Elite football club has obtained a Defibrillator which will be installed at the new Parks Pavilion.

We had our Annual Walkabout 2021 / Action Plan on the 17th September with LBS Officers and with the increased sport activities we have suffered increased anti social parking in the main entrance passageway. We were advised that LBS intend to introduce a new contract for Enforcement Officers into the Sutton parks with fines of £120 to deter inconsiderate parking. We have reservations about this new initiative especially as parks are seen as a sanctuary for residents, however we have insisted on proper parking signage. We also have plans to upgrade the front entrance. The Bowls Club finally hope to have their bowls club house repaired for the start of next season with the final settlement of insurance claim ref tree root damage. The repairs can now start. Finally we had a new Friends Forum organized by LBS on 30th September 2021, a talk shop for all the parks. They have won funding for Parks and Open Spaces and appointed a new Project and Volunteer Coordinator to help support the Friends Group. We welcome Dawn Fielding to the new post. Finally many thanks to all our committee members for their voluntary contribution, Pete and Jean Callaway who maintain our Friends web site, our local Ward Councillor's and the Parks Officers for their all year round support.....Enjoy the Park.