

Friends of Selly Oak Park
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24/10/2022 via Zoom

Present. Andrew Schofield (Chair) , Anne- Marie McCarthy, Annette Lawson, Marian Evans.

1. Apologies. Bob Curry, Sue Whitmarsh, Helen Murie, Simon Stafford

2. Minutes of last meeting agreed.

3. Matters arising.

3.1. Nat West volunteers directed elsewhere by Park ranger. No further communication received from them.

3.2. Wood carver has visited park with Andrew, location of next sculpture agreed on., to be near Corisande Rd entrance to park.

Work to commence/ arrive in New Year.

3.3 . No further information re possible funding SPF. Marian to investigate .

4. Corrisand Rd No change re fencing on Corisande Rd entrance.

5. Reports from Groups.

5.1 Conservation group. Bob asked if funding available for wildlife flower seeds to plant in meadow as expensive to obtain. Committee members to investigate individually sources of wildflower seeds.

Tree planting dates November 18 &26. 14 trees obtained. Help required to dig large holes! Extra volunteers required. Location of planting discussed., mostly on Gibbins Rd filling in gaps between existing trees. Other locations,- corner of Harborne Lane by Scout hut and following old path line towards middle of park. Rose bed now deemed unsuitable as no magnolia tree given (as was originally planned) .

Watermill School May be involved.

5.2 Gardening Group

Last week s gardening work abandoned due to weather! Lots of bulbs still to be planted. Other dates set up so that whoever free can plant. Location of bulbs to be= around memorial trees recently planted, Corisande Rd pathway, and in verge leading down from bridge to Harbone Lane.. Some bulbs already planted in FoSOP 's bed in each corner .

5.3 Litter picking group

Litterbins. 1 already placed near playarea. 2 more bins , (rescued by litter pickers) awaiting placement by BCC. One to be placed near Scout hut.

6. Mobile cafe. It was decided that a trial period would be initiated in the next Spring that Mobile coffee van attend monthly on a Saturday morning to coincide with litter picking. Andrew to investigate whether BCC requires licence/ event notification for each time, which would be cumbersome or just an annual notice.

7. A.O.B. No other business.