



FRIENDS OF ARNOLD CIRCUS

Minutes of the committee meeting for November 2011 held at Leila's cafe

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Attendance: Farid Djebrouni (minutes), Naseem Khan (chair), Jean Locker, Jason Caffrey, Leila McAlister, Robin Hatton-Gore.

1. Apologies: Alice Herrick, Jalal Aziz, Finn Williams, Megan Charnley, Sabeha Miah, Jenny Bernard, Marine Shah.

2. Previous minutes: the September minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

Jean is to meet up with Andy to agree his expanded gardening duties. The SLA agreement will be signed in the first week of November. Deena Omar bench is up and it looks fantastic. Big thanks to Peter Locker who did a great job restoring it. An official opening will be held in the near future.

4. Finance

Bishopsgate Foundation has refused our application. However, it appears that Carry forwards should cover Arnold Day and Carrom, though the Picnic will need money.

The Council is to be approached over their decision to charge for uncollected parking charges when the road is closed since it's a community event and benefits locals above all.

5. Gardening

The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association approved our application for funding, and their grant will go towards new planting. The irrigation pipes are very noisy early in the morning. Leila is to contact the Council.

The Metropolitan Public Garden Association has suggested we participate in the 2012 Open Garden Squares Weekend. Jean will contact the organisation

6. Green Circus

Leila described the lovely work that Lindsay is doing with Virginia School children around plants and insects. The intention is to continue this next term once the weather is improved. Naseem said that Greg Klerkx will be doing an Olympics-themed project with the children in 2012 to feed into the summer's Picnic.

7. Dispersed Chair

The new system in which different people look after different areas is still in its early days; a discussion took place about it and trustees generally felt it was satisfactory. There seemed to be duplication over replies to queries coming through the blog, and Jenny and Naseem will liaise over this



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8. Any other business:

Once the SLA is approved, a notice should go up on the notice board about the Friends, and the Circus, including FOAC's website address. Jean agreed to provide notices describing what plants are present.

An OpenOpen poster will be put on the notice board.

Will MacLean has suggested running a 'green' wood-turning summer school on the Circus for local young people: the board liked the idea in principle

9. Date of next meeting: 6.50pm Thursday, 24th November, Leila's Cafe