

TRESA Committee Meeting

22 May 2007

Present. Tim, Helen, Suzanne, Kate, Margaret, Ed, Patrick, Steve

Apologies. None

Garden Festival

The date for the garden festival is set as Saturday 30th June. Responsibility for different aspects is divided between different committee members. Margaret will contact the prospective entertainments (Arabic dancers, story teller, Morris dancers, Fresh Vibes dancers). Suzanne and Patrick are dealing with the market (stands free for garden-related activities, £5 for others) to run 11-4 on Saturday. Tim will organise litter pickers prior to the event. Ed is organising the front garden competition. Kate is happy to distribute publicity.

Ed has drafted a flyer and will circulate an email requesting help of the members specifically for judges for the competition, nominating litter pick areas, suggestions for stalls and entertainment. Kate will request permission of the council for use of the Zone N site.

School Road Park

Ed updated that a grant had been made for £80,000 to the Big Lottery fund for improvements to the park. Alice on Upper Street has around 40 people signed up to support the bid. The group's relationship with TRESA needs to be clarified and a management of the finances for the project organised should the bid be successful.

Committee vacancy

Following the resignation of Richard Jones at the previous members' meeting (24 Apr) a vacancy has arisen on the committee. Ed will advertise the vacancy to the membership.

The committee registered its thanks to Richard for his continuing work on the Talk of Totterdown.

Cycling in Victoria Park

TRESA had received an email raising concerns about speeding cyclists in Victoria Park. Tim will respond to the correspondent and pass on their concerns to VPAG.

Arnos Vale

TRESA had received an email regarding gates between Arnos Vale Cemetery and the adjoining park. Tim will contact the Arnos Vale trust to establish their position on the issue.

Totterdown Square

Suzanne reported that while two plants had died in the smaller planter those in the larger planters were doing well and being assisted by the staff of the Oxford pub watering them. Members would be asked if they had any plants to donate for the planters.

Suzanne continues to work to move the plastic recycling bank and to redesign the street furniture to discourage the playing of football in the area. She has contacted a local artist who may be able to produce a mural to decorate the shutters in the area and a grant will be applied for.

Arena update

Steve reported that there was no news on the proposed arena development.

Allotment project

Noel Lambert has picked up the lead for the project with a small network of people taking action forward. Steve will keep in touch with how it goes.

Membership

TRESA currently has around 95 members. The situation with people outside the TRESA boundary who wish to join remains that they may take part in activities but may not be voting members.

Finance

Current funds are at £504. The suggestion to set up a finance group of the committee was agreed. Ed, Kate and Margaret will form the group.

Totterdown in Print

The grant application is nearly complete, awaiting a referees statement. Kate will then submit it and pass copies to Tim & Suzanne.

Date of the next members' meeting

The date of the following meetings were set as

Committee: 17 July, 18 Sep, 20 Nov

Members: 26 June, 21 Aug, 23 Oct, 12 Dec (AGM)