

## Notes of the Friends of Markfield Park (FOMP) Meeting 9 October 2018

**Present: Ken Brereton (Chair), Barbara Blake (Seven Sisters Ward Councillor), Abbed Rabbas (Café), Ian Mclaughlin, Diane Pungartnik, Maria Lister, Adrian Terruli.**

A meeting and walk around the Park had taken place with Barbara and Simon Farrow who is the Head of Park Services.

Simon agreed to bring in a specialist firm to clean the **Community Garden** prior to the community clean up the FOMP were organising for **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.**

He had also agreed to get the council's conservation officer to draw up a plan to advise on how best to bring the community garden back into use.

Barbara had contacted the TCV about the clean up date but had received no response as yet. The FOMP wanted to work with the TCV as closely as possible. **NB Haringey TCV have responded to say they cannot attend the event but want to work with the FOMP as much as possible. CleanupUK will be attending as will the Council's Conservation Officer and volunteers from The Bridge Renewal Trust Charity.**

Ian agreed to design some posters for the event which he would do by the end of the week.

Barbara updated the group on the **parking issues.** It was felt that this was an issue which affected the **Markfield Project** the most so it was agreed that she would pursue this with them whilst keeping the FOMP updated.

There was a discussion about the loud music from the illegal raves which had occurred on the **skateboard park** during the summer months and which disturbed residents living on the Ferry Lane Estate and those who lived in the vicinity of the park. The police had said that they did not have the resources to send enough officers down to close down this activity and people felt the Noise Enforcement Service did not act sufficiently quickly either. Barbara acknowledged the frustration but urged people to try and indentify where the noise was coming from and then ring the Noise Enforcement as at least the complaint was then logged.

Abbed said that in general the skateboard park was a positive asset and most of the people who used it were respectful of the area and the park.

**Abbed is organising a Christmas Carol event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December with the choir from a church in Tottenham. Barbara said the FOMP could probably apply for a small grant to fund this event. It was agreed to set up a small sub committee to organise this event on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 in the café and would include Ken, Ian, Abbed and Barbara.**

**Date of Next Meetings:**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**

**In the Markfield Cafe**