



Friends of Uddens & Cannon Hill Woodlands

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Uddens and Cannon Hill

MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2013 7.30PM
AT 72, DALES DRIVE

MINUTES

1. Apologies: Mark Lindsell, Sarah Hartstone, Luanne Burbidge, Jimmy Burbidge
2. Present: Michael Gorse, Janet Healy, Kevin Healy, Andy Hartstone, Jeff Maple, Rod Whitham, Steph Thorneycroft: Lyn White
3. Minutes of 31st October 2012: Accepted
4. Members of committee. Sarah to remain attached to the group but no longer wished to be a trustee. Rod Whitham elected as a Trustee. Remainder of trustees re-elected.
Committee numbers to be made up of up to 12 Trustees with potential for 3 co-opted members between AGMs. Each future year 4 of the 12 Committee members will stand for re-election. This will allow for consistency in management.
ACTION: Andy to modify constitution.
5. Election of Officers. Michael Gorse re-elected as Chairman.
Janet Healy re-elected Vice-Chair, also with responsibility for minutes.
Andy Hartstone will become Secretary.
Jeff Maple re-elected as Treasurer.
6.
 - a. Update on our 2nd work party. Andrew Norris was very pleased with the turnout, about 44 people turned up and approx 300 hours clearing work has been done so far. Two picnic tables were installed, each one close to the Uddens car parks. Andrew has agreed to notices on each table saying donated by FC and installed by the Friends. Michael has applied for a grant for a further 6 tables.
 - b. Future work parties. These work parties seem very popular. Both the 'Friends' and FC are keen to encourage children to take part (accompanied by an adult obviously). To keep the children's interest, Andrew had 5 bird boxes for the children to mark individually and they then chose the tree where they wanted them hung
 - c. Purchase of tools. The Friends have purchased some tools – Loppers x10, Bow Saws x10, Work Gloves & Large Flask for drinks.
 - d. F.C. Tools. The FC are supplying some Loppers, Bow Saws & Gloves on a long term loan. They just have to be marked up as FC property. These tools in combination with those we have bought will allow us to be more self-sufficient.



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7. Update on new constitution: See also point 4, Members of committee.

In the future there should be 28 days notice of our AGM.

Any members of the 'Friends of Uddens and Cannon Hill Woodlands' (FOUCW) wanting to stand as a member of the Committee and as a Trustee should give 14 days notice and have 2 sponsors who are also members of FOUCW. The person standing for the position of Trustee should have been a member of the group for at least 9 months, the sponsors also must have been members for at least 9 months too.

ACTION: Andy. Together with point 4, constitution to be amended.

8. Date of our first Public meeting. As from 1st April 2013 we will be opening membership to all. The more the better, school age children free, a donation from adults. The first Public Meeting to sign up Members will be in June. Date to be confirmed, though the dates of Friday 21st and 28th June seem to be when all are available. The memorial Hall at Colehill is our preferred venue. We hope to sign up our members after the main events.

Content/programme, of the meeting. Andrew Norris (FC) to be our guest speaker.

Hoping that Janet Dover and Mike Hirsch will be persuaded to speak in order to keep us up to date on the current situation. Sue Palmer of the group Dorset Dogs will hold an exhibition on dog walkers. This is a Group associated with the Urban Heaths Partnership.

9. Treasurer's Report. There have been some purchases:

Website Running Costs 2013 (Covered by Sponsorship from AC Scaffolding)

Tools £200 approx

5 litre flask (much appreciated by the 'Friends when working up Uddens) £25

Jeff has claimed back £258.75 in Gift Aid from last year's donations.

Balance at £1580.76

10. Membership of 'The Friends'. See under point 8.

11. Any other business.

ACTION: Michael to rewrite overview of the group to better reflect our evolution into the 'Friends of the Uddens & Cannon Hill Woodlands' rather than just a pressure group.

12. Date of next meeting. Shortly as we need to finalise/organise the details of our Public Meeting.