**AGENDA**

**MEETING AND AGM FRIENDS OF SCHOLES PARK**

**5th Oct 8.30pm**

Venue: ZOOM MEETING

1. **Attendees and Apologies**
2. **Actions from last meeting**
   1. Poor condition of the path on the entrance to the park from the path at the side of Gatley primary. KH&SG to raise with the Council – Update Richard Brooker from Stockport Council has confirmed path to be resurfaced approx. Oct 20.
   2. Application made to Shires Community Fund (through Cheadle Area Committee), value increased to full cost of information sign JO. Complete. Still awaiting outcome of application. Feedback from councillors?
   3. JO to set up a meeting with the Council and all interested parties including Gatley Primary, Kingsway, Lum Head, Gatley Runners etc to have an open discussion about how to fund the refurbishment of the running track and how to ensure there is access for all and to check any implications of the ownership of the area and future development. Face to face meeting cancelled during lockdown. JO in regular contact with council trying to rearrange. Richard Booker email 29/09/20 said he would come back to us soon!
   4. TP to contact Gatley Allotments to see if they have any volunteers who would be willing to prune/thin the trees overhanging the tack.
3. **Accounts**
   1. £758 funds from last year plus a recent kind donation from Gatley URC Elm Road £500
4. **Work Planned in Play Area**
   1. Manchester Airport Community Funded for Seesaw in play area was successful. Council undertaking installation along with a roundabout to replace removed swing, and separate gate entrance to park Oct 20.
5. **Ideas for Park Improvements – Including Ideas from Facebook Poll and Comments. Confirm which ideas to take forward. Need costed plan for funding applications.** 
   1. New Play Equipment\*. Swing ,Wooden fort, obstacle course/timber fitness trial. Feedback from Richard Booker on email 01/10/20. Would recommend a timber fitness trial. Similar to one installed by Friends of Manchester Road. Included Interwine, Twin Beam, Tyre Traverse, Wobble board, Rocking Log, Rubber steppers. Cost £10,000.
   2. Walk/Cycle Path around edge of area. Accessible paths\*
   3. Nature trail into woods (log bridges, stepping stones, tunnels)\*
   4. Walking/ Orienteering Trial\* (GMOA Orienteering. Markers on smart tag SG looking into)
   5. Info sign (could go for cheaper design)
   6. Park Café/ mobile coffee van
   7. Picnic Benches
   8. Community orchard
   9. Fitness trial
   10. Outdoor gym
   11. Chain saw carvings (£350 each)
6. **Funding Applications**
   1. New funding applications sources?
      1. Combined crowd funding and bids
      2. Gatley and Cheadle Ward Fund – Feedback from Keith
      3. Big scale. National Lottery Heritage Bib
      4. Tesco Community fund £3000
      5. John Lewis Community Support fund (café tokens)
7. **Archaeology Society Plans – on hold but hoping to continue next year.** 
   1. We have provided them with a quote for a history trial (6 information posts and leaflets with trail map) which they are including in bid
8. **Planned activities in the park**
   1. Planting up community planters. Ongoing with small, separate children’s groups.
   2. Children identifying trees activity. Measuring around trees to ascertain the age, leaf identification chart.
   3. Installation of storytelling circle (Tree Station Offer £50) and actor giving story telling sessions
   4. Task day to cut back hedges for better visibility of the play area. On hold due to Covid restrictions
   5. Task day for bulb planting. On hold due to Covid restrictions (bulbs not being provided by Council this year)
9. **Website** Previous volunteer has not been back in touch. Currently looking for new volunteer
10. **New Council Contacts.** Reorganisation at the council means that Greenspace Officers are now called Neighbourhood Project Officers. Our area was covered by Paul Clarke but has recently left. So contact is Jane Bardsley the Project Officers Manager. Richard Booker as the Play and Infrastructure Officer
11. **Any Other Business**
    1. Next FOSP meeting