**AGENDA**

**MEETING FRIENDS OF SCHOLES PARK**

**16th Sept 2021 8.30pm**

Venue: Piccolos Gatley

1. Introductions

Actions from last meeting covered in relevant sections in the agenda. Actions from this meeting in bold

1. Recent events
   1. Family litter picking event 3rd August. A big success
   2. Now have litter pickers which we can use for further events. Shall we organise another one?
   3. Replanting/tidying the planters complete 25th July with general volunteers and Elm Road Sunday school. Thank you to Jefferies nursery for donating the plants.
2. Concern over cyclists on refurbished park path
   1. The council said they would install larger signs but yet to be done
3. Park Sign Update
   1. Requested update from Richard Booker and he has contacted Shelly signs
4. Trim trail play equipment funding update
   1. Total now stands at £9654 (£1,115 existing funds, £590 just giving donations, £700 SPRING group, £250 time capsules, £500 Dudley fund, £1000 Arnold Clark Community fund, £1000 Forever Manchester Autotrader Community Fund, £2000 which Stockport Council have said they will contribute, £2500 Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust)
   2. **Jo to chaise up £2500 funds promised by the Brookfield Trust through the Cheadle Area Committee.** Email sent but no response. Can
   3. This leaves £1,596 to raise
5. Funding to apply for, for trim trail and urban art project
   1. Forever Manchester CDL Fund and Zuto make a difference fund. £1000 each
   2. List available Sector 3 – Stockport in Synergy
   3. Morrison’s and Waitrose funding applications
6. Fundraising calendar
7. **VH, BH and JO to progress**. Plan to ask people to submit photos for each month and do an online vote. To include photos by Josie local photographer with her permission. To do jointly with Gatley Carrs. Speak to Gatley Carrs group. Ask local businesses to sponsor a month each. Ask Sign and Display/Gatley signs for printing.
8. Christmas lantern parade
   1. £200 from Stockport Hydro for materials
   2. Community garden in Preston will donate us the willow if we go and cut it ourselves and we can give them a small donation. Jo can go in November
   3. Additional LED lights, masking tape, PVA glue and tracing paper
   4. Can make Willow wands and more complex lanterns. Any skilled people who could help?
   5. Arrange family workshops to make wands (could do at Elm Road Church and sell coffees and cakes to raise funds?)
9. Christmas family trail
   1. Cancelled last year due to covid but we have the robins, posters, risk assessment ready to use
10. Urban art project
    1. Wall Mural Idea. Could we have a wall mural under the railway bridge to cover the graffiti e.g. Lee Hartley – Urban Dirt Wall Murals. This could include ideas on nature, Gatley and community. Idea supported and we would like the Kingsway art department to be involved. We would speak to the neighbours of this area before anything was done. **JO to speak to Kingsway and to look into funding options.** Email sent to Alison
11. Task/activities with school groups
    1. Bird watching, bat watching, tree and plant identification?
12. Community task day
    1. Tidy entrance to play park, improve wildflower area and plant fruit bushes (£150 of GMP fund money still available to spend). Gatley Flower Rangers could provide us with advice and ideas.
13. Running track refurbishment
    1. The Council provided feedback to FOSP after the last meeting. Richard Booker said the council were carrying out a survey with a specialist sports surface company to access refurbishment cost (which they will compare with the quote TP & JO got from local contractors now two years old), and ongoing maintenance cost. This is part of a number of surveys they are undertaking for sports area. Results expected within 6 weeks.
    2. Has Gatley Primary received and update from the council?
14. Income is over £5000 per year we need to apply for charitable status. **Action SG**
15. Condition of the park
    1. Complaints about maintenance of the path (weeds growing high)
    2. Council said they were going to cut back the foliage and seed some grass in places
16. Dog show
17. Any Other Business