**AGENDA**

**MEETING FRIENDS OF SCHOLES PARK**

**30th Nov 2021 8.30pm**

Venue: Zoom

Meeting ID: 912 8684 5367

Password: Winter2021

1. Introductions

Apologies

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

1. Accounts – Simon Goldthorpe
2. Recent Events

Bulb planting, litter pick and scavenger hunt 17th Oct.

1. Upcoming events
   1. Lantern Parade

* Update on how the lantern workshops have gone
* Final plans for the parade on 4th Dec
* Plan parade route
* Borrowing Gatley Carrs Speaker
* Carol singing
* Linking up with Scouts stalls on the Green
* £100 received from Forever Manchester Community Christmas party fund, as well as the £200 from Stockport Hydro to fund this event
  1. Christmas family trail. Install at start of School Holidays. Cancelled last year due to covid but we have the robins, posters, risk assessment ready to use. Get some maps printed (with new word search) and leave in shops in Gatley. Email Iain Roberts and he can advertise in Counsellor newsletter. **JO**
  2. Bulb planting task day. 400 bulbs received from council. Proposed data 19th December.
  3. St James 140 year celebration. FOSP display. 27th Nov (coffee morning), 28th Nov (after morning service), 5th Dec.
  4. Other potential events in longer term,
     1. Bat identification (VH knows an expert) that would do a session. Needs to be in the summer
     2. Spring, tree identification trail JO
     3. Tidy entrance to play park, improve wildflower area and plant fruit bushes. Involve Gatley Flower Rangers and blooming local

1. Running track refurbishment update. RB
2. City of Trees/The Queens Green Canopy Tree Planting. Planting taking place 4th Dec. Invitation to book slots to do planting.
3. Request from Stockport Talking Newspaper for written and spoken piece about the Parks History and Tree Planting Project
4. Concern over cyclists on refurbished park path. Replacement/ additional no cycling/dismount signs – **Richard Booker**
5. Park Information Sign Update. Now installed. Funded by Ward Flexibility Fund.
6. Trim trail play equipment funding update
   1. £590 just giving donations, £700 SPRING group, £250 time capsules, £500 Dudley fund, £1000 Arnold Clark Community fund, £1000 Forever Manchester Autotrader Community Fund, £2500 Brookfield Park Shires Family Trust (now received), £2000 potential funding from Stockport Council. Total is £8540
   2. Total amount required is £11,500, leaving £2,960 to raise.
7. Potential funding applications
   1. One Stockport Local Fund (website says applications now closed).
   2. Additional Forever Manchester Funds
   3. WSP Foundation Grant £2500 (closing date end of Nov!)
   4. List available Sector 3 – Stockport in Synergy
   5. Morrison’s and Waitrose funding applications
8. Involvement with SEN Community
9. Gatley Hill House Refurbishment. Potential for sign and new bench. Simon Fennell Asset Manager. **RK**
10. Urban art project with Kingsway School under railway arch
    1. Progress made with Network Rail and artist Eamonn Murphy
    2. Proposal costing £2,595
    3. Ward Flexibility Funding Application?
11. Fundraising calendar. **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. Victoria has spoken to Emma and she is keen. Plan to ask local businesses to sponsor a month each. Ask Sign and Display/Gatley signs for printing. All sales split between us and the Carrs. We can sell at school fairs.
12. Income is over £5000 per year we need to apply for charitable status. Charity commissioning were only accepting applications from Covid related Charites. **SG**
13. Condition of the park
    1. Update on path condition and weeds.
    2. Potential task day to tidy. Pam offered to donated poppy seeds at last meeting.
    3. Muddy paths. Pam will ask Tina her contact at the allotment to help source more woodchip also. **JO & P**
14. Spiritual assembly request to plant a tree. Feedback from Council Arboriculturalist Peter Pollard. **JO**
15. Voting in of committee members
16. Any Other Business