

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th July 2018 in the Stables at Eastcote House Gardens at 11am.

Apologies: Cllr. Ian Edwards, Linda Wells, Tony and Rosemary Bucksey, Jenny Gurdon, Dennis Cave, Gerry Edwards

Present: Lesley Crowcroft (Chairman); Keith Barnard (Treasurer); Joan Butfield (Minute Secretary); David Payne (President); Anne Payne; Andy Weller (Researcher & Archivist); John Marx; Sue Place; Steve Place (Countryside Conservation); Liz Gambier; Malcolm Penny; Tony Swan; Heather Chamberlain Alison Holtorp (Chairman, Eastcote Residents ' Association); Catherine Dann Susan Toms (RN&E LHS); Chris Groom; Gill Hughes; Dinah Clements; Margaret Ray; Cllr.Becky Hagger; Jane Neave ; Sue Smales; Trevor Dixon

1. The Minutes of the meeting of the 6th December 2017 were agreed
2. Matters arising not on the agenda - none
3. **Retiring Chairman's Report:**

FEHA are not only celebrating their 10th anniversary, but also the end of the 5 year HLF project All works and projects have now been completed except for the Archaeology. The final dig was one year ago and we are still waiting for AOC Archaeology to send the final report and evaluation. Les Capon has been asked several times to send the report, but he does not answer e-mails unless he wants something. Until LBH receive the final report we cannot begin the process of having some of the finds returned to us. I will continue to chase this up.

In 10 years the Friends have taken a neglected unloved space and returned it to the Heart of the Community where it belongs. There have been many doubters and objectors, mostly with the cry 'it's too difficult, you'll never do it'or from those who would have rather seen the buildings fall down than see changes made. Those who considered the gardens an extension of their gardens, not wanting other people using the park.

The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens are a team to be proud of. After 10 years it is time for me to step down as Chairman. I am sure all will give the new Chairman help and support to keep EHG the best park in London.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

KB presented the audited accounts to the year end 30th April 2018.

The main difference this year is that the audited accounts do not make reference to the Restoration Fund, the cash match funding required by the HLF. This is £25,000. we had to raise. This money has now been transferred into the general accounts and spent on tools equipment.

The account has remained open and is now used as a savings account. £2,500. has been transferred into this account at the end of the financial year. £2,500. is what I consider our operating costs to be for the year.

Should we have a poor year fund raising or unexpected expenditure monies put in the savings account can then be used.

LC queries the expenditure on groundworks which KB explained was for way marking and ever edging.

The committee approved and accepted the accounts.

5. Election of Officers:

GH is standing down from the committee and LC thanked her for her contribution to the group.

LC welcomed CD as Vice President.

President	David Payne
Vice President	Catherine Dann
Chairman	Steve Place
Deputy Chairman	Sue Place
Treasurer	Keith Barnard
Secretary & Archive	Andy Weller
Minute Secretary	Joan Butfield
Head Gardener	Lesley Crowcroft
Web Master	Trevor Dixon
Craft Group	Sue Smales

Chris Groom, Jane Neave, Susan Toms (RN&ELHS) Gerry Edwards (EPE)

LBH appointments to the MAG: Cllrs. Becky Haggard, Nick Denys, Ian Edwards, Nick Porter (Green Spaces Officer)

6. AOB:

DP, on behalf of all the members of FEHG, expressed thanks to LC for all her time, hard work and dedication over the last ten years getting the project off the ground. She has created an oasis within the Eastcote area. We are all very pleased that she will be Head Gardener.

The meeting closed at 11.25.am