



Friends of Wimbledon Park

Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting

of Friends of Wimbledon Park (FOWP)

Thursday 17th March 2022 @ 20:00

Due to Covid held on Zoom hosted by Rob Kennedy

Agenda

- 1) **Quorum**
 - a. There being 10 members present the meeting was quorate
- 2) **Minutes of AGM 2021.**
 - a. Matters arising-nil
 - b. approved
- 3) **To receive the Chairman's annual report**
 - a. **Question by Linda Murgatroyd:**
 - i. In the light of the climate crisis, as highlighted in your Annual Report, and of the increasing need for rebuilding biodiversity and access to nature locally, it seems to me that perhaps less priority should go to the commercial activities and to car users. This is now a very fragile area: these activities stop people using large parts of the park for much of the year and have removed many wildlife habitats. I would hope that we could press for measures such as:
 - ii. the Horse Close Wood car park to be re- planted with a variety of trees and protected /rewilded for a few years,
 - iii. Stopping car parking for Wimbledon Fortnight
 - iv. Stopping commercial activities such as Pines and Needles and fairs on the lawn (Perhaps a smaller outfit could use space in the stadium or the Revelstoke road car park, if necessary, but cutting down trees for Christmas is not very green, especially given the transport involved)
 - v. Planting clumps of trees and bushes around the outside of the stadium perimeter and perhaps along the road leading to it. (Possibly some fruit/nut trees?)
 - vi. Reviewing the use of the old bowling green with public use and environmental impact in mind.
 - b. **Chair response:**
 - i. Thank you for raising these questions in advance. All these issues are under discussion but at an early stage and we hope to make progress and report back soon.
- 4) **To approve the Treasurer's report**
 - a. approved
- 5) **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chairman Nick Steiner nominated by I Simpson & seconded by A Obertelli-Moriarty.
 - b. Vice Chairman Martin Sumpton nominated by I Simpson & seconded by N Steiner.
 - c. Membership Secretary Rob Kennedy nominated by N Steiner & seconded by M Sumpton.
 - d. ~~Treasurer Ivan Scott nominated by I Simpson & seconded by A Obertelli-Moriarty.~~
 - e. Honorary Friend Fleur Anderson nominated by N Steiner & seconded by M Sumpton.
 - f. Honorary Friend Stephen Hammond nominated by N Steiner & seconded by I Simpson.
 - g. All officers re-elected apart from Ivan Scott who is moving house and a replacement volunteer is needed.
- 6) **Appointment of Executive Committee members**

Iain Simpson	Rob Kennedy	Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty
Ken McFarlane	Paul Bishop	Martin Sumpton
Charles Runcie	Ivan Scott	Ian Tatum
Mirjana Ilic	Tony Borkowski	Beth McKillop
Chris Baker	Nick Steiner	

 - a. All appointed apart from Ivan Scott who is co-opted.
- 7) **Resolutions**

Resolution¹ 1
In section 5 (v)



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delete ‘. Questions arising at any committee meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of those present.

Insert ‘Standing Orders will be maintained so that procedures are clear and understood. These Standing Orders should be available for inspection by others on request’.

Resolution 1 agreed.

Resolution 2

Add new section 17 after section 16 and renumber following sections sequentially.

17) Hybrid General Meetings and proxy voting

- a. *The executive Committee may approve any general meeting to be jointly online.*
- b. *Voting is with those members physically present.*
- c. *The Executive Committee may approve proxy voting so that any member unable to be present can nominate another, usually the Chair, to cast their vote.*

Resolution 2 withdrawn to allow further thought on online voting and virtual only meetings when health & safety issues (e.g. pandemic) make virtual the only safe option.

8) Declaration of financial or professional interest likely to be of concern.

- a. Martin Sumpton is a member of the Wimbledon Park Golf Club and The Wimbledon Club.
- b. Iain Simpson and Chris Baker, are members of The Wimbledon Club.

9) AOB

- a. Martin Sumpton moved a vote of thanks to Ivan Scott for the sterling work looking after FOWP’s finances over ten years.
- b. Agreed
- c. Linda Murgatroyd moved a vote of thanks to the volunteers who spent many hours studying the AELTC Wimbledon Park Project (101 documents) and submitted a response on behalf of the Community.
- d. Agreed.

10) Informal discussion after close of meeting on

Space to Thrive report, January 2020

The Space to Thrive report is a rapid evidence review of the benefits parks and green spaces have for people and communities.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/about/insight/research/space-thrive>

Number of attendees 22

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- (i) The Executive Committee shall meet together for the despatch of business and regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any committee meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of those present. Standing Orders will be maintained so that procedures are clear and understood. These Standing Orders should be available for inspection by others on request.

This extract provides the explanation for this change. Standing Orders will be available on request.