

# Minutes of 1st Annual General Meeting of CIO Friends of Wimbledon Park (FOWP)

## Wednesday 1st October 2025 @ 18:00

## Watersports Meeting Room, Bowling Pavilion, Wimbledon Park

#### Agenda

- 1) Quorum
  - a. A quorum is 10 members. (Clause 11(5b)). With 10 members present the meeting was quorate.
- 2) Approve minutes of FOWP AGM 2024.
  - a. Matters arising. None.
  - b. True record. Agreed.
- 3) To receive the Trustees annual report
  - a. Circulated prior to AGM was received.
- 4) To approve the Treasurer's report
  - a. Circulated prior to AGM was approved.
- 5) Election of Trustees
  - a. In line with clause 13(1) all trustees retire from office at the first AGM and stand for appointment in the following voting.
    - i. Nick Steiner elected unopposed.
    - ii. Martin Sumpton elected unopposed.
    - iii. Brian Flasck elected unopposed.
  - 6) Election of new trustees if applying
    - a. None.
  - 7) Appointment of Honorary Friends
    - a. Fleur Anderson (MP Putney) approved
    - b. Paul Kohler (MP Wimbledon) approved
- 8) Appointment of Executive Committee (EC) members (Clause 18)
  - a. The EC will consist of not less than 5 members and not more than 15

| No. | Name                | FOWP role                                      |
|-----|---------------------|--|
| 1   | Nick Steiner        | Chair (Trustee)                                |
| 2   | Martin Sumpton      | Deputy Chair (Trustee)                         |
| 3   | Justin Nienaber     | Treasurer                                      |
| 4   | Beth McKillop       | General Secretary and Facebook                 |
| 5   | Alla Dahbi          | Social Secretary                               |
| 6   | Charles Runcie      | Southfields Grid Residents Association – Chair |
| 7   | Iain Simpson        | Wimbledon Park Residents Association – Chair   |
| 8   | Ken McFarlane       | Wimbledon House Residents Association          |
| 9   | Mirjana Ilic        | Wimbledon House Residents Association          |
| 10  | Tony Borkowski      | Co-ordinator with the resident angling club    |
| 11  | Charlotte Wheeler   | The Oak Montessori                             |
| 12  | Natasha Rawden-Rigo | The Oak Montessori                             |
| 13  | Chris Baker         | The Capability Brown Society                   |

b. All approved.

c.



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#### 9) Ex-officio members

a. Individuals who assist us by virtue of their knowledge and expertise.

| Name           | Role                                     |
|----------------|--|
| Rob Kennedy    | Membership Secretary, Website, & Bluesky |
| David Dawson   | Environmental expert                     |
| Janet Mullane  | Ex Secretary                             |
| Brian Flasck   | Fund raising (Trustee)                   |
| Jurgen Kuppers | Architect                                |
| Neil Thomson   | Landscape Architect                      |

b. Accepted

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

a. M. Sumpton, C Baker, Brian Flasck, and I Simpson are members of The Wimbledon Club.

## **11) AOB**

- a. Nil
- b. The AGM was closed.

#### 12) Informal discussion after close of meeting

- a. CIO Consultation Guide 04
  - i. Quick run through content

#### b. Surveys online

- i. One off
- ii. Ongoing

## c. Wimbledon Park Projects Phased Approach.

- i. Walking routes and maximising biodiversity:
  - 1. Phase 1 creating the missing link in the eastern perimeter path
- ii. Revelstoke Road entrance improvements.
  - 1. Phase 2 relocation of prison mesh fencing.
- iii. Ashen Grove Wood & Wimbledon Park Brook improvements
  - 1. Stage 1- Waterfall area
- iv. Horse Close Wood
  - 1. Discussion on revised management plan
- v. Wimbledon Park Arena Project
  - 1. Update on this complex project

#### d. Fundraising

- i. Grants
- ii. Donations
- iii. Community events. Brief report on the Colour Run Community event.
- iv. Branded merchandise

#### e. AELTC Wimbledon Park Project.

- i. Brief update
- f. Merton Heritage Strategy 2021-25: Development Plan
  - i. Brief update
- g. Birds in Greenspaces BTO Citizen Science project (details to follow).
- h. National Federation of Parks and Greenspaces NFPGS agreed to join.



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## **Apologies:**

- 1) Charlotte Wheeler
- 2) Natasha Rawdon-Rego
- 3) Tony Reiss
- 4) Christopher Coombe
- 5) Helen Trout
- 6) Sheila Stirrat
- 7) Charles Runcie
- 8) Ian Shaw
- 9) Bill Wiffen

#### **Attendees:**

- 1) Tony Borkowski
- 2) Justin Nienaber
- 3) Nick Steiner
- 4) Brian Flasck
- 5) Rob Kennedy
- 6) Jill Rees
- 7) Jil Hall
- 8) Beth McKillop
- 9) Martin Sumpton
- 10) D G Dawson
- 11) Alla Romenko
- 12) Damaris Albarran
- 13) Jurgen Kuppers
- 14) Rod Lewington
- 15) Angela Ireland
- 16) Ian Simpson
- 17) Chris Baker