

## **Finsbury Park Events Stakeholder Group Meeting**

6pm – 8pm, Tuesday 25 January 2022

Online via Teams

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Attendees

**Chair** – Cllr Hakata (LBH)

**LB Haringey (LBH)** - Sarah Jones (SJ), Andrea Keeble (AK), Simon Farrow (SF)

**Museum of Homelessness (MoH)** – Jess and Matt Turtle

**FP Parkrun (PR)** – Lorna Stevenson

**Ladder Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)** - Ian Sygrave (dialed in)

**Friends of Finsbury Park (FoFP)** – Tom Graham, Clive Carter (dialed in)

**Pedal Power (PP)** - Jo Roach, Mark Pierce

**Hermitage and New River Residents Association (HNRA)** - Tristan Appleby

**Edible Landscapes (EL)** – Bethany Anderson

**Highbury Community Association (HCA)** – Sarah Potter

**LB Islington (LBI)** – Niall Forde

**Stroud Green Ward, Haringey** – Cllr Culverwell

**Finsbury Park Sports Partnership** – David Walton, Michael Hickey, John Flahive

**London Heathside** – Adrian Essex

**Finsbury Park Ward, Islington** - Cllr Heather

**Highbury West Ward, Islington** – Cllr Bashir

**Brownswood Ward, Hackney** – Cllr Potter (joined at 7.08)

Apologies

**LBH Licensing** – Daliah Barrett

**Finsbury Park Trust** – Talal Karim

**Harringay Ward, Haringey** – Cllr Brabazon

**Seven Sisters Ward, Haringey** - Cllr Dogan

**Highbury West Ward, Islington** – Cllr Khondoker

**Finsbury Park Boats** – Gavin Smith

#### **2. 2022 Proposed Event Season**

**SJ** - provided an overview of the Proposed Event Season for 2022. *Slides are attached.*

#### **Feedback**

**David Walton** – Wanted to ensure that any groups visiting the track would be able to get vehicle access while major events on site

**Ian Sygrave** – Mentioned that not many residents on Ladder Roads received letter re Krankbrother event and that the area for delivery should be expanded.

**Tristan Appleby** – The Krankbrother site makes it difficult for people to enter the park through the Green Lanes Gate, and that there should be greater protection on the grass to avoid same damage as 2021.

**Cllr Heather** – Would like a guarantee that the plans put in place in the Islington side roads on major event days, will be put in place again for 2022.

**Lorna Stevenson** – Although the Krankbrother site was smaller than the major events, the trackway made it harder to run around. This needs to be improved.

**LBH response** – Groups visiting on days Festival Republic on site will have continual access to the park, but parking may be slightly more difficult and will only be enabled if space to do so. Same plans for Hackney and Islington Roads will be in place during FR event days.

Krankbrother event has a smaller distribution area for the residents' letter, than that of Festival Republic (6k compared to 45k attendance) and therefore some of the Ladder Roads wouldn't have received the letter. Will look at how this can be changed going forward. However, the letter is published on the LBH website for people wanting to look up info. There were issues with both the entrance from Green Lanes and the grass being damaged in 2021 due to the heavy rainfalls. Krankbrother area already working on mitigation plans for 2022 to avoid the same damage to the grass and we'll be looking at how access from the entrance off Green Lanes can be improved and how trackway can be improved.

### **3. Environmental Impact Fee**

**SJ** – £13,907.61 available for groups to bid for. This was generated from a number of events that took place in 2021 including the funfair, cinema, corporate promotions and commercial events. Applications to be submitted to [sarah.jones@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.jones@haringey.gov.uk) by 20 February, detailing how much is required and what it will be spent on. Chair will then consider and announce allocations at next meeting. *Slides are attached.*

### **4. Programmed Improvements 2022**

**SF** – Provided an overview of improvements to take place during 2022 including third phase of improvements to Richard Hope Play Space which will start in April and will complete the £391k investment. Once completed the play area in the American Gardens will be removed.

Provided an overview of CCTV cameras that have been installed. NB – five are now operational with the sixth waiting for new electrical connection before can be made operational.

Friends are fundraising to refurbish the skatepark and the council will seek to match fund the project from event income. Further work on the design and public engagement will take place later this year.

Project has commenced to look at installing lighting from Finsbury Park Gate to Endymion Road, with spurs off to Oxford Road and Stroud Green Gates. Currently looking at what type of lighting could be installed eg solar powered, but have to ensure it's sympathetic to park environment. Paid for out of major event income.

### **Feedback**

**Tom Graham** – landscaping already worn under the plastic bowl of the new playground, and more bins are needed.

**Cllr Potter** – Seems to be that the playground is aimed at much smaller kids.

**Lorna Stevenson** – Why get rid of the American Gardens play area if it's being used for training?

**Tristan Appleby** – big gap to the north of the park which won't be covered by CCTV or lighting.

**Beth Anderson** – Asked for more info about the proposed lights. Will they be switched off at a certain time, will entrances into park be improved.

**Ian Sygrave** – Lighting often provides a person with a false sense of security and makes them think an area is safe to access when it really isn't.

**David Walton** – If the park was locked then it would make it impossible for the track to operate.

### **LBH Feedback**

Play area regularly inspected so if damage is occurring will be highlighted through those. Play area is definitely for over 8s and is designed through consultation with local children. The American Gardens play will be taken out as there is the steel warrior gym for adults to work out on and was decided through the FP consultation in 2018. Also returning some hard standing back to grass. CCTV cannot be introduced to the north of the park as there are too many trees that get in the way. And it's not appropriate to put lighting everywhere which is why main entrances are the focus. Project will identify most appropriate lighting and times of when it will be operational.

## **5. AOB**

**Cllr Culverwell** – Asked if there was any money to pay for a memorial bench to Sally Billot and also can a sign be placed on Oxford Road asking cyclists to dismount.

**LBH** – We will look into both items

**Jo Roach** – needs a place for the Tuesday session to ride, as it's becoming impossible to use the track and the hard standing area is being used by Thames Water.

**LBH** – to arrange site visit to look at alternatives.

**Tom Graham** – What's the position with the damaged 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary stone. Is it going to be fixed / replaced?

**LBH** – subject of a current insurance claim

## **6. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 15 March, 6pm – 8pm, via Teams

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# Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies *Chair*
2. 2022 proposed event season *Sarah Jones*
3. 2021 Environmental Impact Fee *Sarah Jones*
4. Programmed improvements *Simon Farrow*
5. AOB
6. Date of next meeting

# 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

*Chair*

## 2. 2022 proposed event season

*Sarah Jones*

# Proposed Finsbury Park Event Season 2022

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			Tough Mudder															Young Musicians Event					Ball Out				
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### 3. 2021 Environmental impact fee

*Sarah Jones*

## 2021 EIF

- Manning's Amusements – April & June
- Adventure Cinema - July
- Ball Out Community - August
- Krankbrother - August
- Gorilla Corporate Promotion - August
- Tough Mudder - August
- Adidas Corporate Promotion - September
- CRUK Race for Life / Pretty Muddy – October

**Total: £13,907.61**

- Applications submitted to [sarah.jones@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.jones@haringey.gov.uk) – overview, budget breakdown
- Deadline 20 February
- Confirmation of awards made at next stakeholder meeting in March

# 4. Programmed improvements

*Simon Farrow*



## Richard Hope Play Space - Completion

- Phase 3 works due to commence on site between 19 April and 27 May 2022, avoiding Easter and May half-term holidays.
- This will complete a £391k investment in this play area.
- Once completed the play area opposite the outdoor gym will be removed.

### Six Camera Locations:

1. Finsbury Gate – Looking in to the park entrance - Operational
2. Finsbury Gate Carriageway - looking in all directions - Operational
3. Stroud Green Gate – looking into the park - Operational
4. Adjacent Oxford Road Gate – Looking towards the gate and along the carriageway. – Operational end of January
5. Manor House Gate – Looking into the park. – Operational end of January
6. Endymion Road – Looking in all directions – TBC, awaiting new electrical connection from UKPN>

### CCTV installation to main entrances



Street lighting on north / south carriageway and spurs off to Oxford Road and Stroud Green Gate. Either Solar or mains powered. LED lamps and linked to central management system for dimming and timing.





- ① Existing skatepark
- ② Seating/hangout space skatepark and wider park
- ③ Low level plaza features
- ④ New polished concrete

## Skate Park – Friends of Finsbury Park

- The Friends have been fundraising for an extension of the existing skate park.
- So far, the Friends have raised £50k of a £100k target
- Based on the final fundraising the Council will seek to match fund the project from event income.
- Further work on the design and public engagement will take place later this year.

**5. AOB**

**6. Date of next meeting**

*Chair*

**Thank you for attending!**