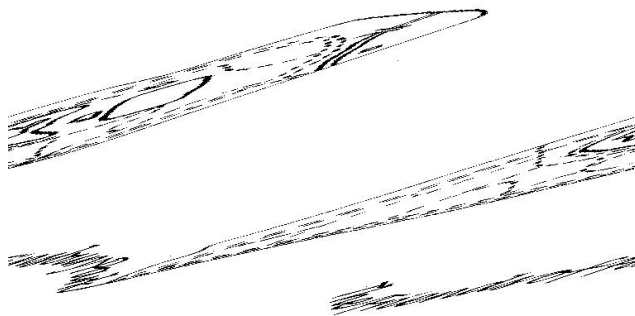


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Chairs Report: January 2007

The Role of Chair

According to our Articles of Association the Chair only has three things to do:

- chair general meetings

- ask for votes and polls

- to have a casting vote at general and trustee meetings.

The alternative view, is that the Chair should do anything and everything.

I don't intend to attempt either of these roles. The Chair is part of a group of Trustees, each of whom has a contribution to make to running the Friends and helping the organisation achieve it's aims. With this in mind I've set out below what we aim to achieve this year and which Trustee to talk to if you want to know more. You will see that there are one or two question marks. Please feel free to volunteer to help with these areas or others you think we're missing.

Anne Barwick

Chair FoFP

Plans for 2007

Fundraising

Anne

One of my major activities will be fundraising for the Friends existing organisational needs and activities. This may not seem urgent when we have just been given a grant for £50,000 by the HLF but unfortunately the bid did not cover our general office and admin costs. Fundraising is thus essential and an immediate need.

Finance

Hugh

I have been working with Jon Kaunda of Havco to get together our 2005/6 accounts and set up systems to update and maintain them. We will have a new booking system on our office computer where each fund will have sheet for putting in expenditure and income. This will mean that we can check where we are financially at any time and report accurately to our funders, which is essential if we want to apply for more funds. Hugh has volunteered to be Treasurer until October. I will maintain the general fund and the Art Club funds. Jim and Hugh will be responsible for the HLF fund.

Company Secretary

Paul

The Company Secretary has a vital role on the committee ensuring that we hold meetings and report to Companies House and the Charities Commission. Paul has taken these tasks for 2007.

Administration

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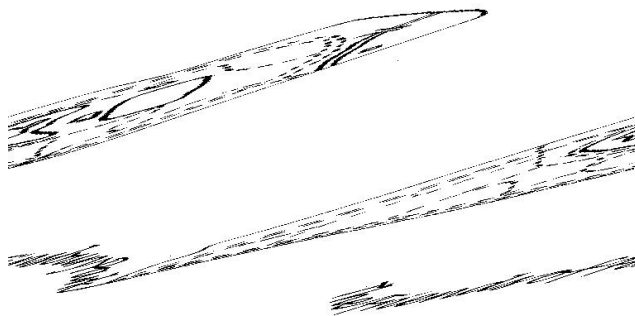
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I have been working in our office on Fridays and ensuring that simple tasks such as opening post, reading emails etc are carried out. I have also undertaken regular tasks such as renewing insurance and printing membership forms. It has become difficult for me to do this so I've decided not to continue. I'm hoping someone will volunteer to take on this work.

Membership

Lydia

Lydia is our membership secretary. She has created a computer based membership list, which she now regularly updates.

Policy

Along with our Articles and Memorandum of Association, our development plan and the Vision we have the following policies:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Child Protection Policy

I plan to complete a Consultation Policy to add to these

Anne

Consultation

Currently we meet quarterly with our members. We also communicate with members and non members via our website (Anne) and newsletter (Becky) and of course we meet and talk with people in the Park and at the Art Hut. We will be reviewing how we consult as part of our consultation policy.

Liason with Haringey

We participate in the Friends of the Parks Forum and message board. Paul and Sally are our representaives

Paul/Sally

Douglas receives and responds to Haringey's notices of events in the Park and Planning Applications

Douglas

As part of Haringey's Green Flag bid they have undertaken to meet and consult with us regularly we are developing a consultation policy to explain to them how we would like this to be done

Anne

Jim and Hugh are continuing to promote our Vision for Finsbury Park

Jim/Hugh

Activities and Projects :

Art Club

Anne

The Art Club is our meeting space and a major part of the public face of the Friends. We will continue to hold our popular drumming sessions and the regular

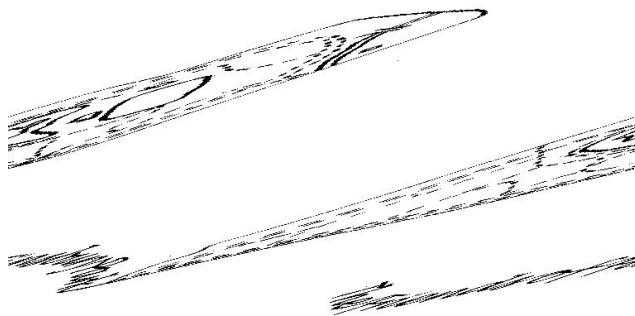
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Friends meetings there. I will also complete grant bids for a drum event, to develop the outside space around the building, to work more with the elderly and to set up a visual arts project.

There are some administrative issues I hope to progress particularly applying for club status and finalising a lease with Haringey.

Community Gardeners

Hugh

The garden is behind the Manor House Lodge in Finsbury Park,

A small friendly informal group meet regularly to enjoy gardening on the first Saturday of the month 10 am - 12.30pm. Everyone welcome

HLF

Hugh/Jim

This project will celebrate Finsbury Park by involving the diverse local community in it's relationship to the Park and raising awareness of Finsbury park's historical and environmental significance. It is project is managed by Shiri Shalmy

Easter Egg Hunt

Paul

We host an Easter Egg Hunt for Children in the Hope Playspace (the Pit) on Easter Sunday

Book Sales

Hug

We still have copies of Hugh's excellent history of the Park available for £5

FinFest

Becky

Finfest will be run by Finfuture this year. We need to agree how we will be represented on the working party and at the Festival.

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