

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk
District General Meeting
20th of March 2017**



Present: Alicia; Sophie Rigg,; Angus; Suzannah; Bill; Mary; Elliot; Ruth
Apologies: Rachael; Mike; Jack; Sasha; Stuart; Arwel

Item	action
<p>Matters arising: Minutes previous meeting agreed. Safe-guarding contact details on Elfin and Pioneer programmes Ruth welcomed as new SG officer replacing Mike Smith.mike is supporting Ruth. SG guidelines were updated. Rhiannon currently helping Ezra on group nights. Bank change on hold while Co-op bank arrangements resolved through central Woodcraft. Camp meetings progressing. DF Alcohol sessions, some discussion but formal session pending.</p>	<p>Alicia planning drugs and alcohol session for DFs.</p>
<p>Review of AGM Agreed to rationalize the amendments from the AGM, district will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trees, less pollution and the local environment. • Dubbs' amendment. <p>Suggested to recruit to vice roles for next AGM. The AGM highlighted the need to strengthen the district by increasing more young people to older groups.</p>	<p>Groups to come up with ideas as to how the motions can be addressed over the next 12 months. Vice roles to be formally recruited to at next AGM each current office holder to submit a job description to Suzannah- for review at September AGM.</p>

<p>Safeguarding (SG) and Volunteering: Mike had raised need to support adult leaders who do not have children in group or have not been involved in WCF previously. Suggested that we have some more formal induction for them, this should include a process of clarifying with potential volunteers their roles and responsibilities in being a volunteer and an opportunity to elicit their motivations for volunteering.</p>	<p>ACTION: Alicia will draft an induction plan for new adult leaders and will circulate for consideration.</p>
<p>Group Updates Woodchips 0-3- Sophie reported group meeting last Saturday of the month. Quite low key at present but good range of activities for the 1 hour, with Woodcraft themes. Attendance strong. Elfins- Angus reported Elfins doing well with about 25. There will be a cohort moving up to Pioneers and need transition planning. Pioneers- Suzannah report core group of 10 with others who are more occasional. Group working well together. Venturers- Alicia reported that group remains dormant at present and leaders are working with local community groups and schools to try and attract new members. However, recruiting Venturers has been challenging so new plan to try and set-up a new Pioneer group. Also Jack and Sasha setting up new group in Royal Docs building out of an existing community group. Launch will involve taster sessions. There are also plans to run a camp with Forest Gate School in July. A promotional video to promote WCF will be made and may be in part filmed during camp. DF update- Eliot reported new DFs joining there is an age gap but integrating well. Good active programme. Suzannah asked that when they support groups that they have some warm-up activities in prepared. Anticipated that there will be a good DF presence on District camp,</p>	<p>ACTION Alicia and Stuart will keep district up to date on new Pioneer groups and widening participation agenda. Suzannah to scope out possibility of running day camps to promote WCF. Suzannah to email London region to see if Woodchip group can get new start-up grant. Angus and Elliot to plan Elfin transition.</p>
<p>Finances and bank accounts Mary and Sophie have been through accounts. District agreed that Sophie will be added as a signatory to district accounts and will be able to access electronic accounting.</p>	<p>.ACTION Mary to arrange adding Sophie to the account.</p>
<p>District Camp Camp committee meeting regularly. Camp group will be reviewing camp attendance and programme. Site visit to be arranged and also to sort out shed.</p>	<p>ACTION Bill to circulate dates for site visit.</p>

<p>London Camp 2018 District agreed participation. Bill, Jack and Angus involved in camp planning. Suzannah also mentioned district involvement in London Pioneer camp this summer.</p>	
<p>District Social Decided not to take up offer of more Salsa sessions as the trainer did not attend. Instead we will run a garden based art event, which could operate as a promotional event for the district.</p>	<p>ACTION Sophie will cost collaborative art activity in the Community Garden</p>
<p>AOB Alicia announced Great Big Get Together event 17th and 18th of June including showing a film and a picnic. Alicia asked for district support with picnic, to run games and activities- which was agreed.</p>	
<p>Next District meetings 13th of June 19th of September 28th of November 16th of January 20th of March</p> <p>AGM 14th of March Other dates:</p>	