

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk
District General Meeting
13th of June 2017**



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

Item	action
<p>Matters arising: Drug and Alcohol session still needed for DFs, Alicia has this in hand. Scoping out Day camps still a work in progress, Suzannah will keep us posted. Sasha and Jack doing sessions at Radlac Community centre to promote new group. Last minutes incorrect on date of AGM. Need to implement the Elfin transition plan for those going up in September.</p>	<p>Angus to correct last DGM to state March AGM not September</p> <p>Angus Suzannah to continue planning Elfin transition.</p>
<p>Camp Feedback All agreed that district camp was a success. Open day went really well. Suggested that we need to follow-up with those who attended the open day. Next time do a tour on camp for visitors with a carousel of activities. Need to get more younger adults involved in camp, specifically to try and keep DFs who are away studying engaged with camp as they are a huge asset, as well as current young DFs. Need to get grant applications earlier to support camps for next year. Suggested that time of opening circle might be a bit later to ensure that camp participants present and fully engaged.</p>	<p>Review plans for getting more DFS and younger adults on agenda for September DGM- Angus to add.</p> <p>Thank you to be sent to day visitors via: Eventbrite - Alicia Facebook page- Sophie/ Rachael</p> <p>Timing of opening circle to be discussed at next camp meeting.</p> <p>Angus and Alicia to look at grant submissions well in advance.</p>

<p>Group Updates DFs- no report Vanturers- no group at present. Pioneers- going well group very well integrated and working co-operatively with new members very involved. Elfins going well Michelle has agreed to co-ordinate the programme for the Woodchips to keep some boundaries between the groups, although currently there are very few Woodchips. Agree that we should offer another training session for new Elfin parents, especially as Jack and Sasha will be leaving at the end of the term. 0-3 Woodchips sessions going well activities planned, including summer party. Parents getting involved to lead sessions,</p>	<p>New Pioneer group planned for September 2017- Stuart Venturer group planned for Easter next year- Stuart/ Alicia Ruth to promote New Pioneer group in Leytonstone. Jack/Sasha to organise an Elfin breakout session for adult training.</p>
<p>Officers updates: Ruth liaising with Mike to arrange handover. No other officer issues raised.</p>	<p>Ruth to meet up with Mike.</p>
<p>Policy sign off Volunteer form, and policy discussed - district agreed to ratify policy. Volunteer handbook discussed, groups need to submit short promotional material for WCF activities. Dog policy discussed- decided that we need clarification on whether it should be mandatory for dog owners to insure their animal.</p>	<p>Alicia to put Volunteering policy and forms on Newham WCF website. Alicia to co-ordinate promotional pack for volunteers. Sasha to do a report of district camp and Suzannah to one for for low-catb camp to add to this. Suzannah an Angus will ask WCF General secretary John Nott for an opinion on dog policy.</p>

<p>Up-coming events Great get together has been promoted, WCF to support picnic on Sunday 2-4 with activities, people to arrive at 1.00 to erect star tent. Forest gate festival 15th of July space booked for a tea stall. Decided to purchase new gazebo- Bill to inquire. Kinsfolk to be recruited to help out at stall- Suzannah. BBQ-19th of July Bill, Angus, Sasha to set up Woodgrange Fete- Angus to see if others can support</p>	<p>Bill to get new gazebo. Suzannah to contact Kinsfolk. Angus to look at activity for the festival.</p>
<p>Widening participation Camp 18-19th of July (n=26) at Debden with Forest Gate Community School- Alicia/Suzannah co-ordinating. Angus, Elliot and Bill helping out. Royall Docks Pioneers- using the after school club as launch pad- Jack and Sasha co-ordinating. Plus 3 sessions over the summer. Aiming to have new members ready for launch in September, meeting Wednesday nights. Lodge Pioneers in progress start in September. Film in progress Milo busy editing.</p>	
<p>Magpie Project Donation Donation to support, tea urn, soup kettle and toaster- ratified Group leaders to ask for clothes donation to liaise Sophie</p>	
<p>Folk Assembly/ Annual Gathering District attending.</p>	
<p>AOB Mary has sorted forms to allow Sophie Cornford to be a signatory to bank account. SophieRigg fed back thanks from the Community Garden for Willow Weaving Session.</p>	

Next District meetings

19th of September

28th of November

16th of January

20th of March

AGM

14th of March

Other dates: