

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk  
District General Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**



**Present:** Angus, Suzannah, Bill, Alicia, Mary, Danni  
**Apologies:** Stuart, Iolo, Elliot, Mike

Item	action
<p><b>Matters arising</b> T-Shirt not sold well, committee suggest that in future not to order T-shirts except to advance order to gage demand. Still a small surplus of T-shirts remain.</p> <p>Go For It not submitted to be submitted for district camp Committee decided not to pursue new group at City Farm as insufficient capacity within the group to support</p> <p>Suzannah has written letter to thank WI</p> <p>Calluna: loppers paid for; leader tree training completed; and vents to be planned for coming year.</p> <p>80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and overall year went well. Feedback very positive.</p> <p>Annual gathering needs planning.</p> <p>Behavior support going well Nicky has done a great job suggested need for some support as role is quite challenging. Agreed to continue paying £10.00 support each week from district to continue in this role and will be reviewed at next DGM.</p> <p>Bond between us- going well project management issues being resolved. Slight funding deficit which means district need to subsidise by £500.00. Performances scheduled for the 7,8 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Film project going well. District agreed to subsidise for £500.00.</p> <p>Awards project grant completed and reports being submitted.</p> <p>Angus reported no progress on changes in the lodge at present.</p> <p>Mary has closed surplus bank accounts.</p>	<p>Suzannah, Alicia Angus to submit Go For It Grant</p> <p>Need to book annual gathering on the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Will encourage DFs to go.</p> <p>Angus to liaise with Stuart. Angus to do letter to thank Nicky for his behavior support input.</p> <p>Alicia will provide update to Mary of monies held in Bond Between us funds.</p> <p>Suzannah and Alicia to look into Jack Petchy Awards to support venturers and DFs</p>
<p><b>Woodchips</b> Danni updated on Woodchips plan to run from 6.30 to 7.15 alongside Elfins. Programme plan going well. Subs to be a</p>	

donation for now. Angus will provide consent forms.	
<b>Venturers Update: Voices of Leytonstonia oral history</b> project grant application has been submitted by Eastside Community Heritage. Marches and folk songs planned, also a digital archive planned. Alicia and Stuart discussing with UK challenge/NCS joint working over the summer (workshop and volunteer day linked to the Calluna Project)	
Elfins and Pioneers no issues raised	
<b>Safeguarding Annual Review</b>  Mike has suggested amendments to current safeguarding policy which committee agreed.  Two safeguarding issues arose in the past year, both were issues involving adults and DBS checks and in neither case were children and young people put at risk. One arose due to a failure to disclose an offence on the DBS application form and the second parents without DBS checks staying one night on a residential. Both are resolved and closed. To ensure further occurrences Mike explains DBS form in detail to applicants (form in confusing) Mike urges adults to ensure their membership will be up to date in March to ensure all are DBS ready by District camp in May District Camp.  Mike will run a safeguarding session this term.	Suzannah to update wording on general consent form to add a section on safeguarding and direction to policy.  Mike to decide upon date for leaders to publicise
<b>Ceilidh and AGM</b> Durning hall booked. Bill to confirm Green Kite Midnight Suzannah to ensure event comes together	
<b>District camp</b> planning to go ahead on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of February at 4.15 in the Forest Tavern after Calluna, to enable planning and early distribution of registration forms.	Alicia to invite DFs
Rene talk and Woodcraft Folk history night - cheese and wine event. Try for a party started grant?	Bill check June dates with Rene
<b>New leader training</b> April	Suzannah to co-ordinate
<b>Year Planner</b> District calendar set up dates. 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb London AGM - DFS running creche 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar AGM and social Apr Bond Between Us performances May 90 yrs London Pageant and District Camp July Stocktaking in Debden. August- possible Bushcraft camp with Steve Hamp June Pioneer Day and Rene History Talk Sept Stubbers and national AGM Oct Cycle Trip -	Angus submitting grant application
<b>AOB:</b> Lodge- no progress on CIC so current arrangements continue.	
<b>Next District meetings</b> AGM 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 DGM 10 <sup>th</sup> of March 7.30 Lodge DGM 9 <sup>th</sup> of June 7.30 Lodge	

DGM 22 <sup>nd</sup> of September 7.30 Lodge DGM 19 <sup>th</sup> of Januarys AGM 5 <sup>th</sup> of March DGM 15 <sup>th</sup> of March	
<b>AOB</b> Play St - Tylney Road	Angus and Suzannah to circulate and take parachute games and publicity