

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk  
District General Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



**Present:** Angus, Suzannah, Alicia, Mike, Jack, Stuart, Bill and Mary

**Apologies:** Dani, Iolo, Arwel, Elliot

Item	action
<p><b>Matters arising:</b> Minutes agreed previous meeting. Safeguarding (SG) action plan has been implemented by all groups (Elfins, Pioneers and Venturers).</p> <p>Camp timelines over summer now resolved as DFs will have camp earlier.</p> <p>Mike has provided safeguarding updates.</p>	<p>Alicia to ask DFs for safeguarding contact for the group and check they are keeping a register for group nights Mike to circulate dates for SG updates for parents and DFs. Alicia to let DFs know what date for SG updates (April/ May)</p>
<p><b>Safe guarding (SG):</b> Mike presented updated safeguarding policy, all additions and amendments were agreed by the district meeting.</p>	<p>Mike to update the policy and send to officers and group contacts. Suzannah to put on website. Group leaders to circulate to adults and ensure that there is a record that they have read it - responses to Mike by end of Feb. Angus to print copies for groups</p>

<p><b>AGM/Adult Social and DFs Span the World with Music Event:</b>  DF 's presented a request (via Angus) that we support their national Span the World with Music Event on 5th March. This clashed with planned AGM and social event.  Agreed to have AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, include young people in setting items for voting (coming up with priorities to be addressed by NWCF for coming year) and updates from young people.  Also agreed to support the DFs in organising the event.</p>	<p>Angus to co-ordinate subgroup to circulate an agenda for AGM include timetable, world cafe activity and motions.</p>
<p><b>Group updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodchips- seem to be going well</li> <li>• Elfins- Working well and good volunteer support, currently about 16 Elfins.</li> <li>• Pioneers- Around 12-14 pioneers, some adults having a break which makes them a bit leader light.</li> <li>• Venturers- Attendance is around 11 each week. Voices of Leytonstonia project is on-going. ECH have submitted an Arts Council grant application to extend the project with a performance piece with the young people and those who had been involved in the road protests. The exhibition and performance for the project will be at Stratford Circus on 4 June. Further discussion about combining this with a ceilidh is required.</li> <li>• DFs- Going well and offering support to Elfins and Pioneers. Venturers and DFs are sharing the Jack Petchy Scheme. DFs made the first award to Elliot last term and will be purchasing art materials.</li> </ul>	<p>In the future group leaders to submit reports in advance. Stuart to be responsible for disseminating notification and reminders of DGMs to DFs.</p>
<p><b>Attendance at London AGM</b>  On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February Central Temperance Hospital Suzannah running crèche, Angus and Jack delivering session on Elfin camp and acting as delegates</p>	

<p><b>Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Camp- meetings ongoing for planning and A4A grant submitted. site booked</li> <li>• ABBU- We feel that we are likely to be able to put in an application for funding from Erasmus by 2<sup>nd</sup> February, one group has responded (federal Falcons), waiting for Palestinian response. We feel that there is a certain reluctance from German Falcons to work with us, this needs to be discussed with Palestinians. We would be looking at taking 20-30 people from East London, and similar from Palestine. We'll know more by beginning February.</li> </ul>	<p>Camp committee to update at next meeting</p> <p>Alicia and Stuart to update at next DGM</p>
<p><b>Finances:</b></p> <p>Electronic signatures still a work in progress awaiting bank feedback.</p> <p>Mary reported on CO-OP Community account which has advantage that we can apply for grants. We would have to close current account and fill paperwork in for new account.</p> <p>Mary reported on district finances £9,500.65 with national fees to be deducted (approx £1K).</p>	<p>Mary will co-ordinate opening of new CO-OP Community account.</p> <p>Angus will ask Sophie to be a signatory on community account in addition to current signatories.</p>

<p><b>AOB:</b>  Stuart asked for ideas to be taken to General Council. Stuart has agreed with general council that we run a bar at Folk Assembly in the summer.  Jack suggested that we do leader game exchange for Elfin and Pioneers at FA.</p> <p>Alicia suggested that we take ideas from Newham AGM to Folk Assembly in July.</p> <p>Stuart shared ideas he will take to general council, including: extra subs to get a token from central woodcraft; and ideas for fair fees based on current hall costs.</p> <p>Suzannah raised that there is what's on event in the Gate this Saturday 12.00 to 4.00. Kick Start for youth and older. Venturers and Stuart to attend.</p> <p>The meeting noted the absence of DF's although they were included in the notification and reminder emails they were unaware of the meeting. Future communications to include texts to DFs</p>	<p>Leaders to ask for items from district members to feedback to Stuart this week.</p> <p>Alicia/Stuart to organise publicity leaflets for Venturers to circulate at events.</p> <p>AF to remind Stuart to notify DFs by text.</p>
<p><b>Next District meetings</b>  AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> of March  DGM 15<sup>th</sup> of March  <b>Other dates:</b></p>	