

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk
District General Meeting
11thth June 2015**



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

Item	action
<p>Matters arising Nicky now happy in role supporting Elfin so no need for letter now. Application to funding not made due to other commitments. Bill sourced some cinema screens.</p>	<p>Bill to purchase portable cinema screen for district events.</p>
<p>Up-coming events Rene's talk needs to be cancelled as unfortunately Rene has broken here hip. The district committee wished Rene well and a good recovery. Forest Gate Festival on the 18th July. Need to book stall. Need kids activity and the Voices of Leytonstonia Project. Games on the flats each group Elfins and Pioneers to start 6.15 Suzannah and Angus to co-ordinate early games. Syurat to lead from 7.00. BBQ to start at 6.30. Call to go out for volunteers. Request to be made for volunteers to help steward the BBQ. 20th of June anti-austerity march district to send a delegation. Pageant Bill, Mary, Suzannah and Angus to attend plus 2 DFs (Maddie and Oliver).</p>	<p>Suzannah to cancel venue. Plans to be made to rearrange the event for 12th of September. Bill to book two spaces the stall for FGF to include the Voices of Leytonstonia . Suzannah to put out call for people to chef and steward BBQ and Angus to light fires.</p>
<p>Annual Gathering Booking 4 district places for AG.</p>	<p>Suzannah to book places.</p>
<p>The lodge Angus updated that CIC now dissolved and Newham looking for a commercial rate for the building. May be other community led initiatives but non-specific as yet.</p>	<p>Angus will keep district updated.</p>
<p>Debden payments Bill has had correspondence with Debden about paying for cars. Now resolved as there had been no previous charge for cars. Also day visitor charges highlighted as there were a number of different visitors. The extra charge is about £60.00.</p>	<p>Agreed to pay the day visitor fees, Bill will organize payment.</p>
<p>Group updates Elfins going well we have about 14 at present and working closely with Woodchip group. We raised £42.00 with Pioneers for the Napal disaster fund through co-operative games. Good support from parents this term. Pioneers are currently approx 17 children. The majority attend every session and most of them went on camp. Lower than anticipated turn out for the boatclub trip in early June. Have visited the SSSI this term to collect sticks and feathers which we then made into art this week. Some of the kids did some whittling as well. Parental support is informal this term but working, we've seen less of the DFs but have coped without them. Venturers have now begun the M11 project - Voices of</p>	

<p>Leytonstonia - and it is working well. It provides a useful structure for the group nights and we have had one successful residential. Polly Rodgers has been appointed as Project Worker for Eastside Community Heritage and is running regular sessions. One DF was involved in the interviews for the post and this worked well. Also 2 DFs will get level 2 NVQ oral history.</p> <p>We have been invited to participate in a Venturer camp in Wales at the beginning of August but there is insufficient interest. We are currently taking bookings for Stubbers in September.</p> <p>A bond between us.... Tickets for the trip to Palestine have been bought and we are due to begin the preparatory sessions on 15 June 2015. A successful performance of the play was held at Oxford House on 8 May - this was both well attended and well received. The animated film was shown at the AYV Live! event at the BFI and a report of the event was placed on both the Newham and national Woodcraft websites.</p> <p>Participation in the programme provides a number of benefits to participants including the opportunity to win a scholarship covering up to 4 years of university fees for creative degrees. We will apply to the programme next year.</p>	
<p>AOB: Lodge costs for Venturer group nights to be charged to the Voices of Leytonstonia project.</p>	<p>Mary will invoice voices of Leytonstonia for stall booking and project group nights at lodge -Alicia to advise Mary what is needed.</p>
<p>Next District meetings DGM 22nd of September 7.30 Lodge DGM 19th of Januarys AGM 5th of March DGM 15th of March</p>	