

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk
District General Meeting
16th of January 2018**



Present: Suzannah, Angus, Alicia, Bill, Mary, Sophie, Ruth
Apologies:, Jack, Rachael, Stuart, Sasha, Anita

Item	action
<p>Minutes Matters arising: Minutes from previous meeting accepted as correct.</p> <p>Alicia waiting on invoice to give to FGCS for last camp and is liaising with school over future camps.</p> <p>Mary feedback that Community Co-op Grants need to be managed as a restricted grant and spent on specification in grant.</p> <p>Angus reported that small foreign delegations welcome on London camp/</p> <p>Bill confirmed accounts settled for last years District camp with Debden.</p>	<p>Stuart to request copies of Co-Op grant applications so we can monitor spending on these grants.</p> <p>Bill will feedback to camp committee on new Debden camp fees for this year and to update on general activity at Debden on our facilities at Debden.</p>
<p>Group updates: See attached reports appendix 1.</p>	
<p>Memorial for Rene: Suzannah fed back her discussion with council on trying to get a memorial in Newham for Rene and is still discussing with various people.</p>	<p>Suzannah to pursue and keep district informed.</p>
<p>District event schedule/co-ordination: Review proposed district schedule (see below). Add new social date and fundraiser event. District BBQ on the 18th of July 6-8pm.</p>	<p>Suzannah to up-date calendar.</p>
<p>Strategic development weekend Peasenhall: Stuart has made a successful bid to the Landmark Trust for a residential. We will use the event for Newham WCF members for a strategic development weekend, applications to Stuart by 30th Jan the first 8 offered places. Accommodation is paid for attendees to pay for food and transport</p>	<p>Stuart to co-ordinate applications.</p>

<p>Social and fundraising event: Discussed ideas for integrating social and fundraising event to support WCF fundraising toward marathon that Neil and Angus will run. Fundraising event on the 24th of Feb and group nights adding up to solidarity marathon. Social will be a daytime event on the Sunday the 4th of March.</p>	<p>Angus to circulate a plan on fundraising event. Sophie, Angus and Bill to plan and feedback on winter social, to be held at BBs if available.</p>
<p>London AGM: Is on the 4th of February. Newham delegates: Angus and Suzannah.</p>	<p>Angus and Suzannah will feedback.</p>
<p>Shambala Application: Jack and Sasha have put together an application to run craft activities at Shambala. Feedback from district suggestion that application may need to emphasise WCF more in the context of the activity. Ruth and Sophie shared their experiences of running activities at Shambala.</p>	<p>Suzannah will liaise with Jack and Sasha to help them strengthen their application and a WCF focus.</p>
<p>Woodcraft folk central strategic plan: Decided to circulate form for electronic and via group nights suggestions to be co-ordinated by Angus for return to central WCF.</p>	<p>Suzannah /Angus to circulate – leaders to respond before 25th Jan for collation and return to Head Office by 30th Jan.</p>
<p>Plan for AGM and steering group: Need to plan the programme to make sure all is co-ordinated. Alicia, Suzannah and Angus volunteered.</p>	<p>Alicia, Suzannah and Angus to make steering group.</p>
<p>Review of ice skating: Suzannah reported that the ice skating trip had made a loss in the region of £100 due to a number of people who had booked on did not pay for their place or turn up despite tickets being brought by them. District agreed to bear the cost of the loss but to ensure better strategy in future.</p>	<p>Suzannah and Angus will organise next event so that it mandates a donation toward cost in advance of the next event. Monies in by the Pea Fair as a cut-off with suggested donation.</p>
<p>Safe-guarding update: Safe-guarding training planned for the 7th of Feb on group night at Godwin School. Ruth has planned a flier to promote. Ruth highlighted that all current district members have to provide 2 referees. Current SG policy up to date at present.</p>	<p>Ruth will circulate instructions for submitting referees through group leaders and will be contacting existing members with a deficit in the requisite in referees.</p>

<p>Finances update: Mary updated that we have current district balance of around £20K (over half of which is restricted). We have one historic account that was originally related to Wally it was decided to keep this account and allocate as the Rene Memorial account. Sophie (C) will officially job share treasurer role with Mary. Meeting agreed that Sophie and Alicia are added to the WCF bank account as signatories. Bill will be removed from his signatory role.</p>	<p>Mary will arrange Sophie(C) and Alicia to become a signatory.</p>
<p>AOB: Meeting agreed to ask Stuart to coordinate the following camps as a single project May Training Camp May District Camp London Camp</p>	<p>Suzannah to ask Stuart</p>
<p>Next District meetings 20th of March</p> <p>AGM 14th of March Other dates: TBC</p> <p>Winter social 3rd or 4th of March 7th of February training session for adults - Ruth</p>	

Appendix 1 Group Reports

Woodchips (0-3yrs)

Continue to meet last Saturday of the month with strong attendance 20-30 Woodchips. They have a programme for the year outlined below.

Date	Time	Activity details	Lead	Notes/ Prep
<p>Saturday 27th January</p>	<p>11-12 Meet: Capel/ Tylney</p>	<p>A New Direction Parachute songs. Scavenger hunt. Mindfulness/ poem or lyric under the parachute.</p>	<p>Rachel/ Sophie ?</p>	<p>Parachute Scavenger hunt list. Select mindfulness reading</p>

Saturday 24 th February	11-12 (12-1) Meet: Timber Lodge	Mini Olympics Join us for a mini Olympics at the Olympic park. Meet at Timber Lodge for songs then walk to field. Explain about Brighton marathon and sponsored walk at midday plus invitation to stay and join. Races and games (ending with a relay with the younger children handing the baton on to the walkers)	Rachel/ Sophie Neil/Angus?	List of races. Equipment (Neil?)
Saturday 31 st March	11-12 Meet: Capel/ Tylney	There is no such thing as a Gruffalo Singing and storytime under the parachute. Gruffalo themed activities on the flats (snakes made from leaves threaded/ owl nest of leaves/ snake houses/ sticks for fox/ collecting nuts for the mouse)	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Parachute Gruffalo book
Saturday 28 th April	11-1 Meet: Capel/ Tylney	With Spring in our step Welcome with songs. Set up nature bracelets so people can collect on route. Encourage people to photograph on route and share on facebook page. Walk to the Bluebell wood (stopping for a snack on the way at the far side of the flats)	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Bracelet materials Spare snacks
Sunday 26 th May	11-12 (12-1) Meet: Debden Camp	DEBDEN CAMP Welcome with songs. Bear hunt trail through the wood. Shared picnic. Invitation to stay and explore the camp, join older woodies for tour etc. (Any woodcraft info can be share with visitors during lunch)	Rachel/ Sophie Becky and Katie?	Picnic reminder Extra water Materials for trail (grases, snowstorm sheets etc.)

Saturday 30 th June	11-12 Meet: Capel/ Tylney	I'm forever blowing bubbles... Welcome with songs. Making utensils plus mix. Playing with giant bubbles (water fight?) Finish with lying down in a circle and tracking movement of bubbles as they blow them over their face.	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Bubble mix Sticks and string Water sprays Spare bubbles
Saturday 28 th July		NA (Summer Break)		
Saturday 25 th August	11-12 Meet: FG Community Garden	Teddy bear picnic (nature bracelets) Welcome with songs. Hunt for their own teddy (hidden by parents during covered eyes sing song) Shared picnic	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Picnic reminder Extra water Spare teddy bears
Saturday 29 th September	11-12 Meet: Capel/ Tylney	Gone with the wind... Welcome with songs and parachute. Big den building Goldsworthy ephemeral Art (conkers/ leaves)	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Parachute Visual aids
Saturday 27 th October	11-12 Meet: FG Community Garden	Mud, worms and mini gardens Welcome with songs. Rotation of activities: i. Bulb planting to take away. ii. Making mini gardens in jam jars iii. Looking at wormery Invitation to stay and enjoy mud kitchen and garden activities	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Materials Co-ordinate with garden end of season event
Saturday 24 th November		NA (Autumn Break)		

Saturday 29 th December	11-1pm Meet: Capel/ Tylney	Tea hut toddle Welcome with songs. Toddle to the Tea Hut. Stop midway for parachute games (check library open hours as possible mid way storytime)	Rachel/ Sophie ?	Parachute Reminder to bring cash for tea hut. Spare snacks.
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Woodgrange Elfins

Group going well 15 plus regular attenders. Group will focus on Woodcraft values this term and attending to keeping focus tonight.

Woodgarngce Pioneers

13 pioneers regularly attend the group
6 due to ascend to venturers after Easter
Hunt on for 6 new pioneers to keep the group at a healthy number
Pioneers have come up with 3 sessions they will run themselves this term
Other sessions will include singing
A look at child internment and some outdoor activities

Magpie Pioneers

Solid attendance by 8 young people. More recruitment planned for this term. One of the eight will join Venturers after Easter.
The group are going to Darsham 2-4 February and the older pioneers from Godwin have been invited.

Venturers

We are on track to start the new group after Easter. A session with parents is being arranged for after the AGM

RADLAC Pioneers:

Sasha and Jack had a meeting last week to discuss how our group is going. While we love the kids we have, we need more and are now in a position where we are familiar enough with the kids we have so we can build on that group now. Plan to get leaflets printed to hand to parents. We would also like Raj to speak to parents a bit more, we have a meeting next week with the centre manager to iron out these issues.

NEWHAM WOODCRAFT CALENDAR 2018

		funding	Facilitator
DGM	16 Jan 2018	NA	Suzannah
Magpies at Darsham	2 Feb 2018	Jack Petchey - £250	Alicia
London Gathering	4 Feb 2018	NA	Jack
Safeguarding Training	7 Feb 2018	NA	Ruth
New Leader Training	09 - 11/02/2018	NA	Suzannah
Marathon solidarity fundraiser	24 Feb 2018		Angus/Neil/ Sophie
Widening Participation Conference	23 Feb 2018	NA	Alicia
Winter Social	4 Mar 2018	Fundraiser	Sophie and Angus
New Leader Training (Cudham)	03-4 March	NA	Suzannah
Newham AGM	14 Mar 2018	NA	Suzannah
Strategic Development Weekend	16 Mar 2018	Landmark Trust (accomm)	Alicia
DGM	20 Mar 2018	NA	Suzannah
Brighton Marathon	15 Apr 2018	Fundraiser	Angus
Training Camp	5-7 May	AFA - £600	Stuart
Inner City Outer World	26 - 30 May	AFA - £2500	Stuart
Annual Gathering	22 - 24 June	Need	Stuart
FGS Camp	17-18 July		Elliot
District BBQ at Lodge	18 Jul 2018		Angus
London Camp	28 July - 5th August	AFA - £3600	Stuart
Biblins	13-17 August	Jack Petchey small grant	Stuart
Elfin / Pioneers to Cudham	5 Oct 2018	RDLAC COOP?	Angus

