

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk  
District General Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> of September 2017**



**Present:** Alicia; Jack Sophie Rigg, Rachael; Angus; Suzannah; Bill; Mary; Ruth

**Apologies:** Stuart; Sasha; Jasmine; Arwel

Item	action
<p><b>Matters arising:</b>                      Elfin transition done.                      Elfin adult training in progress.                      Update of volunteering policy will be updated by Alicia.                      Dog policy needs to add assisted animals for the blind, awaiting further feedback from central WCF.                      New gazebo acquired.</p>	<p>Alicia update volunteering policy.</p>
<p><b>Folk AGM</b>                      District delegates: Alicia; Angus; Eedie; Bethen covering all groups and only district chair votes outstanding.</p>	
<p><b>Group updates</b>                      Suzannah asked for ideas about black history month and possibly link to designs for the WCF badge.                      See attached group reports for updates on each group.</p>	<p>Group leaders to get back to Suzannah with ideas for black history month.</p>

<p><b>Widening participation</b>  Alicia reported back on links with FCS and the summer camp we supported, which was well received. Elliot has worked with them and one of the teachers (Tom Leather) to produce a report (see attached). Plan was discussed and it was agreed we would discuss with FCS a residential trip to Darsham, at the end of year or beginning of next.  All Newham WCF groups now listed on Newhams Whatson App. Ruth suggested linking also with local schools. Sophie suggested Hoop as a good network site and the community garden.  Alicia has requested and received details from other districts on how they widen participation and has put together a district report to share. Exploring strategy with folk house to produce some examples of work, agreed that we can produce in district Sophie volunteered to help.</p>	<p>Alicia and Angus to follow-up with FGS.  Alicia and Sophie to produce leaflet with examples of widening participation.  Alicia and Mary to organize invoice for previous camp to FGS.</p>
<p><b>Grant applications</b>  Grant sub-committee met and worked out a strategy. Grants progressing will feedback to district when grants submitted.  Bill suggested some camp equipment to support widening participation activity.</p>	
<p><b>Winter social planning</b>  Decided to have a 'winter feast' 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of March.  Sophie, Rachel and Sasha suggested to help co-ordinate.</p>	<p>Angus to request volunteers to be involved in planning and ideas for social, then small sub-committee to co-ordinate.</p>
<p><b>Finance</b>  Mary said that balance in district account was healthy at about £10K  Mary discussed bank accounts and consolidating accounts in one account. However, Jack pointed out that central WCF discussing moving to Unity bank. Therefore, decided to hold decision until further clarity given.</p>	

<p><b>Membership and Safe-guarding</b>  Ruth has had hand over from Mike. She is following up on DBS renewals. Ruth suggested a simple handout to guide new members through process. District agreed this was a good idea.</p>	<p>Ruth to design a membership leaflet.  Ruth and Suzannah to do membership on group nights with training session on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Also some membership information on Winter social.</p>
<p><b>AOB</b>  None</p>	
<p><b>Next District meetings</b>  28<sup>th</sup> of November  16<sup>th</sup> of January  20<sup>th</sup> of March</p> <p><b>AGM</b>  14<sup>th</sup> of March  Other dates:</p>	