**Friends of Ancells Farm**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting, 29 January 2014**

Attendees: Isy Paton (IP)

 Lisa Nicholson (LN)

Simon Taylor (ST)

Helen Newman (HN)

Jackie Fahey (JF)

Apologies: Tash Barker (TB), Nicola Saunders (NS) Vikki Brown (VB) Phil Fahey (PF)

1. **AGM**

PF has arranged a guest speaker for the AGM and & TB has booked the community centre. IP has advertised in Town Talk etc.It was agreed to provide non-alcoholic refreshments.

**Actions:**

* Speak to TB to get financial statement
* LN to draft some slides (IP to send slides done earlier in the year)
* IP to send reminder to members (include membership reminder & 3G survey reminder)
* ST agreed to be Chairman for the forthcoming year.
1. **Benches**

The amount of the grant was £1000. No progress on ordering the benches.

**Action:**

* IP to chase FTC again for a response about what benches are in line with their policy.
1. **Swings / Basket ball hoop**

Fleet Lions have granted FOAF £1000 towards the swings/benches, but matched funding needs to be obtained from other sources before the £1000 can be claimed. It was agreed to charge a little bit more for events in 2014 to try to make some money towards this project.

**Actions:**

* TB to update the accounts once the final costs of two events are known, so we can establish how much spare money is available & how much can be allocated to the project for swings & a basketball hoop (from November meeting).
* Investigate getting a ‘totaliser’ made so that we can show progress and encourage fund raising against our projects (from November meeting).
* IP to send ST details of ‘have your say grant’. ST to apply for these before the end of March.
1. **It’s your Neighbourhood**

IP has submitted the entry for 2014 IYN. A paper summarising what FOAF has achieved during the year will need to be submitted in the Spring.

1. **Easter Egg Hunt & Britain in Bloom ‘Growing for Gold’**

LN agreed to lead this and a provisional date was set for 19th April, Easter Saturday.

**Action:**

* LN to speak to VB to find out how this was organised last year.
* All to support & help out
1. **Woods**

No report – waiting for the Spring.

1. **Muddy Puddle under Zip Wire**

This needs new bark as the hole in the flooring is getting bigger and wetter.

**Action:**

* IP to write to council to request replacement flooring & also to address the entrance to the U5’s play park.
1. **Development Plan**

It was agreed this would need to be finished.

**Action:**

* IP to circulate latest version
1. **3G Football Pitch**

There was a discussion regarding the pros & cons of this potential project. It was agreed it was important to try to obtain a firmer promise from the Council that there would be no matches after 9pm and have an input on landscaping if it does go ahead. There was a concern that there would not be enough demand for the facility in the longer term and questioning about whether the facility would be able to be changed to multi use in the long term. There was a concern about parking and road safety. It was agreed to continue to collate feedback from members and ensure the Council is aware of it and also to continue to encourage people to complete the survey.

**Date of next meeting: date & venue TBA**