

**Friends of Braidburn Valley Park Committee Meeting**  
**Aug 20th 2019 @ Greenbank Church Halls**

**Present** – CJ, KY, HC, AS, RB, MD, LF

**Apologies** – AN, IB, MB, AB, AF

**1. Communications – see MB post**

LF reports that all going well with website etc. - we are getting lots of website traffic to the site. LF has set up QR codes e.g. for Tea in the Park.

**2. Bikes** – see communication from a Friend who is concerned about careless cyclists in the park. RB has already liaised with councillors (Neil Ross and Melanie Main) who are interested in this. He has had no reply from Sustrans or Mike Shields as yet. No further info on proposals for altered traffic flow around the crossroads aimed at improving traffic flow and safety. The park is for all - everyone should be considerate

**3. Finance report (IB)** - Funding situation is good at present – expenditure over last year has included nature trail which is now installed

IB is planning to resign as treasurer in this year's cycle and will step down from the committee (we thank him for all his hard work).

IB has been working on the insurance renewal. CJ is taking this forward

**Action (insurance) IB and CJ**

**4. Recent events:**

a. **Scything of wildflower meadow** (AF and RB) – AF purchased a scythe for this. So far have mainly scythed the grass. Areas of flowers now need scything and then whole area needs to be raked (schools). Maybe ask council to cut remainder? **Action KY, RB, CJ to liaise re schools**

b. **Play and fitness date (LF)** – great fun, attended by many different people. New sports gear purchased for the park. Zoe Macauley ran some demonstrations. We agreed this would be good to do again.

c. **Schools visits (CJ)** – CJ has been into a number of schools. Children made posters which were put up in the park. Plan to do again on annual basis. CJ has also been in contact with other schools which are keen to be involved with the park and will set dates for them to do various activities.

d. **Nature trail (led by LF)** – 12 posts now installed. We had ~600 entries for the pictures from three local schools. Some of the posts are very accessible, others more hidden to encourage children to explore different areas. LF to make up a wild play map of the park for the noticeboards. Could we have pots of crayons etc. available e.g. in Margiotta, in the church, which is open daily. AN has invited winners to Tea in the Park to receive prize and certificate

**Action LF to do map, CJ to liaise with church re. crayons**

**5. Tea in the Park (CJ) – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

CJ and LF have quite a few helpers organised. Hope to use Lucy's van on the day. Aiming to get more home baking on the stall this year. Collect raft stuff. Zoe Macauley and friends will run the bar. KY will check out our catering supplies and liaise with LF.

PA system (Buena Vista Entertainments)

Recruiting new members through signing up when joining dog show, joining at membership stall (and getting a free duck on showing confirmatory email). Can sign up on paper form or on line on their phone.

Ducks – new method for duck sales involving raffle tickets to make it easier. CJ to buy 200 more ducks (to increase number to 1000)

New bike trail organised – this has been quite a big outlay. Organisers provide track, bikes, helmets. Organisers have suggested we can charge people for using

Other activities as normal  
CJ to sort ice cream supplies

**6. Membership** – see above for membership drive at Tea in the Park

**Actions: all to try and recruit new members**

**7. Dates of next meetings** @Greenbank Church Hall (HC will book church)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November @7.30

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan @7.30

AGM Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Autumn clean up currently scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September – MB to lead on this**