**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Finsbury Park, held on 13 November 2019 at Finsbury Park Trust, 226 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.**

**Present:** Ann Kowlowski-Hunt, Diane Burridge, Sarah Potter, Peter Lorimer, Tony Davies, Sally Billot, Barbara Baughan, Lily Rodel, Elizabeth Lowe, Clive Carter, Martin Ball, Simon Hunt, Douglas Palin, Liz Hemmings, Susie Barson, Jono Kenyan, Bob Hare, Katie Dawson, Kasper de Graaf, Gerald Hunt, Tom Graham. Also present: Kath Davis (Museum of London), Goran Vodicka (University of Westminster), Carmen Andall Woodroge

The Chair, Simon Hunt, welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Kevin Duffy, Gordon Hutchinson, Dorothy Newton, Margaret Ling, Geraldine Timlin, Stephen Coles.

**2. MINUTES OF 2018 AGM; 11 DECEMBER 2018**
Elizabeth Lowe proposed that they be agreed, seconded by Susie Barson: all agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**
None

**4. CHAIR’S REPORT**
Simon Hunt, the Chair, presented his Report which had been circulated previously. He read out the first paragraph which summarised his involvement with the Friends, becoming Chair in 2017 and especially being the Chair during the Park’s 150th Anniversary celebrations this year. He is standing down as Chair as his term of office has ended.

There was a discussion of his Report, mainly focussing on the commercial events in the Park, the difficulty of communications with Haringey Council, longstanding concerns about the impact of events for large numbers of people (Wireless: 50,000) on the Park and the local community. Freedom of Information requests are submitted as and when necessary in order to flesh out information from Haringey Council.

Susie Barson then moved a vote of thanks to Simon Hunt for all his hard work as Chair including the 150 th anniversary celebrations, the new edition of “A Park for Finsbury” and the academic research that the Friends are [involved.in](http://involved.in/). Much applause followed!

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS: 2018/19**
Douglas Palin, Treasurer formally presented the Accounts, explaining that the Friends is a limited company and a registered charity and therefore covered by statute and Memorandum &amp; Articles of Association. He urged all those present to buy “.A Park for Finsbury”. He then moved that the Accounts be accepted, seconded by Susie Barson. All those members present agreed and the Accounts were duly signed.

**6. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
Sally Billot explained that the Board of Trustees/Management Committee consists of
between three and twelve people, that candidates are elected fo a two-year term.
Currently there are up to five vacancies. Committee meetings are usually held monthly.

* Kevin Duffy was nominated by Barbara Baughan, seconded by Clive Carter
* Tom Graham was nominated by Sally Billot, seconded by Clive Carter
* Douglas Palin was nominated by Diane Burridge and seconded by Elizabeth Lowe.

As there were no further nominations, the above were duly elected.
Hopefully vacancies can be filled during the year to come; there is also provision for up to
three co-options.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
**1.**The Friends and the Stroud Green Residents Association are sponsoring a hustings for the General Election on 5 December 2019 at 5 pm in Stroud Green School. All candidates have been invited and all are welcome.
**2.**Clive Carter reported on a recent deputation to Haringey Council’s Environmental Scrutiny Panel.
**3.**Jono Kenyan proposed a vote of thanks for Susie Barson who has stood down from the Committee for all her hard work in organising the Friends’ Celebrations of the 150 th Anniversary in August 2019. All agreed. Martin Ball who has also stood down from the Committee was also thanked for his contribution to the Friends. He informed the AGM that his local park in Tottenham Hale now needs his attention. Both were loudly acclaimed!
**4.**It was also reported that Islington Art Society has donated £100 towards the production of “A Park for Finsbury”.