DOWN LANE PARK USER AND COMMUNITY FORUM

AGM REPORT



MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIR

"I am pleased to introduce the first Down Lane Park User and Community Forum Annual Report.

As we reflect on the past year, I want to take a moment to thank our dedicated members, and passionate volunteers. Your support has been the cornerstone of our success, and we could not have achieved what we did without your contributions. Whether you have volunteered your time, provided valuable resources, or simply shown up at our events, you have made a difference.

I would like to personally thank our Treasurer and Secretary for their help in ensuring the group runs as smoothly as possible, and to thank LUOS for hosting our meetings and for facilitating the Young Person's Forum.

Your enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication to our group's mission have propelled us forward even in the face of challenges. Together, we have made a positive impact on our community. Our meetings have been a great occasion to meet people and it has been wonderful to be introduced to so many residents who are passionate about Down Lane Park and the opportunities this local resource can bring to our community.

As we look ahead to the opportunities and challenges that the coming year will bring, we do so with confidence, knowing that we have a strong and supportive community. Your continued commitment inspires us to strive for excellence, and we are excited about the journey ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage people to join the committee if they can spare the time. One of our biggest challenges has been our reduced committee size, and with more help, I believe the group can go on to achieve great things.

Once again, thank you for your trust, your dedication, and your support. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and create a better future for all, it has been a pleasure to be your co-chair and I hope you will join me in wishing the new committee members all the best for the next phase of our group."

Victoria Burnham
Co-Chair
Down Lane Park User and Community Forum



DLPUCF

Down Lane Park User and Community Forum

Co-Chair: Victoria Burnham
Co-Secretary: Mark Adams
Treasurer: Roseline Iyanda-Mogaji

AT A GLANCE

CHALLENGES

- Regular and consistent attendance
- Small committee and resources
- Community representation

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Creation of the group and bank account
- Working together and cementing our community
- Bringing our voice to the new park improvements
- Creation of the Young Person's Forum facilitated by LUOS

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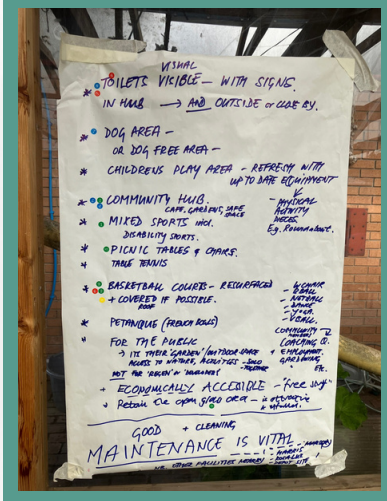
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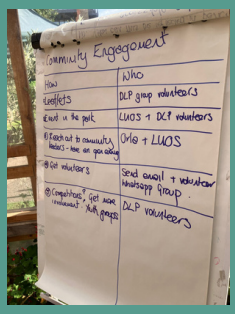


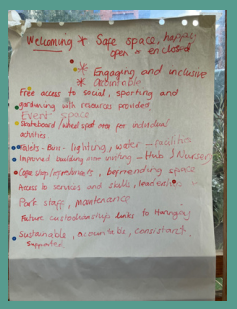
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

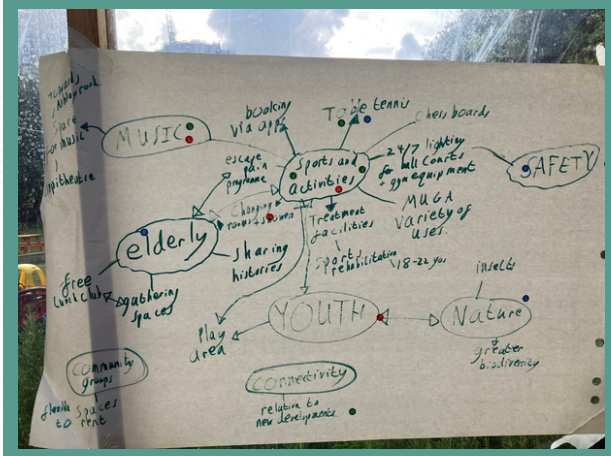
We have all worked hard this past year, and through our community meetings we have been able to achieve the following:

- The creation of a community-led group with a joint goal of improving our park and its facilities
- Workshops to share our ideas on how we can improve the park and facilities we would like to see in the future
- Feeding these ideas into the community-led design group to shape our vision for the park
- The creation of a Young Person's Forum facilitated by LUOS
- Discussions and letters to the council concerning the developments around the park
- Introducing an online capacity for our meetings
- Bringing together the community to discuss ongoing issues in the park and surrounding areas
- Creating a platform to share activities, groups, and events happening in the park and surrounding areas, both in our meetings and our WhatsApp group









Images from our park improvements workshop, fed back into the community design process.

OUR CHALLENGES

Along with our successes, we have also faced challenges in the running of our group and we hope the new committee can help in addressing these issues:

- Our committee lost a few members early on in the creation of our group and it has been a challenge to fulfil our aims with a small team
- Ensuring a diverse and representative sample of our community is key for our success and more work needs to be done to make sure we represent the voices of our community
- We thank LUOS for facilitating the Young Person's Forum due to the lack of capacity and resources to in the DLPUCF to do this. Going forward it would be beneficial to all groups if we could increase our resources and capacity to facilitate ourselves as part of the DLPUCF
- Governance has been through individual membership as we have lacked the resource to develop groups and group membership, this is something we could look to build on at the next stage
- We are currently reliant on email and WhatsApp as our primary means of communication, having a dedicated person/s to take charge of communication would help to promote the group and attract new members

OUR AIM

- To improve the green space and community facilities in Down Lane Park

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PARK IMPROVEMENTS

We have had two dedicated members of our group who have committed over 20 weekend meetings in the last year to be part of the community design process, feeding back our ideas and suggestions on how to improve the park and additionally attending the public forums and consultations. We would like to thank our members for this commitment in addition to their regular group commitments.

Through workshops and ongoing meetings we have helped shape the new park and provided insights to the design team on how we as a community see the future of the park. In conjunction with representatives from Disability Action Haringey, residents' associations, LUOS, and youth representation, we have helped shape our park.

We hope that our new committee will continue with this important work and together we can achieve the park we want to see for us and our future generations. Our next deign meeting is 30 September 2023 and we hope to be able to give an update at our AGM.



The ongoing park improvements design

NEXT STEPS

We as the DLPUCF committee have been proud to be able to work with you all in the creation of our group and we look forward to the next committee improving on the work that has already been achieved.

Our AGM will see the election of the next committee members:

- 2 Co-Chairs
- 2 Secretaries
- 1 Treasurer

As well as informal posts such as communications and funding champions. We would ask you to please register your interest in these positions by email, along with a few words on what you would like to bring to the group.

Many thanks for all your hard work and support, it has been a pleasure to meet all of you and we are proud of what we can achieve by working together.

Many thanks,

Victoria, Mark, and Ros

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