

## FIELDS Committee Restart Meeting Minutes

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm on Zoom

**Present:** Celia Eastal (Vice-chair, LBCA), Alan Wright (Mona Road) Susana Hidalgo-Hogg, Roy Hogg, (Chatsworth Road), Councillor Richard Mallender, Monica Pallis, (Julian Road), Dan Patterson (former FIELDS Treasurer, Chatsworth Road), Bryony Skey (Lady Bay Road), Sian Trafford (Chair, LBCA), Stevie Vanhegan (Adbolton Grove), Sue Mallender (Secretary, LBCA).

**Apologies:** , Lucy Nicholson (Julian Road), Tony Papkiewicz and Andrea (Lady Bay Open Gardens Committee), Christine Elwood (Rutland Road), Laura and Simeon Pickles, James Strawbridge (Treasurer LBCA), Chris and Holly Coole (Chatsworth Road)

**Sian** welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for items for the agenda. After further introductions for those absent from the previous meeting, **Sue** read out the results of the Survey Monkey, detailing areas where people felt they could help: organising, preparing press releases, protesting etc.

**Alan** reported that the housing secretary, Robert Jenrick, had told MPs that the policy of building homes on high-risk flood plains was to be reviewed, so this might benefit our aim. **Alan** further mentioned that people with surveying/measuring apparatus had been seen on the Hook, perhaps in preparation for the building of the footbridge. There are several options for its position, but plans are still not that far advanced.

**Stevie** told the meeting about a Gov.uk map of the Lady Bay area showing the risk of flooding from surface water and shared the link with the group. She went on to tell the meeting about regular flooding in the Greenies field every year for about 2 months due to an old riverbed located nearby. **Alan** said that he has had a pump in regular use in his cellar on Mona Road since 1976, and gardens in Adbolton Grove also suffer frequent flooding for several months of the year.

The problem of front and back gardens being paved and concreted over was also raised. This continues to happen despite there being regulations designed to prevent it, such as leaving open ground spaces and using porous materials. People are either unaware of the regulations or disregard them, adding to the problem of inadequate drainage resulting in flooding.

The importance of monitoring the Greater Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan was again mentioned and that the deadline for comments had been extended to 24<sup>th</sup> March. It was decided to produce a leaflet to distribute to every Lady Bay household, alerting them to the development plans for Regatta Way and encouraging them to comment on them. **Dan** will design and circulate a draft to the group for comments, after which it will be amended and sent to the printer. **Sian** will divide it into delivery rounds, and it is hoped to have it disseminated by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Dan** will also be managing the FIELDS page of the Lady Bay website, and **Monica** offered to set up a FIELDS What'sApp group, and manage the FIELDS presence on Lady Bay Local, perhaps with a view to setting up FIELDS' own Facebook account.

Meeting closed around 8.45.pm