

Trustees Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

**Monday 24 November 2025****Present:**

Dave Morris (Chair)	London Friends of Green Spaces Network (LFGN) + Haringey Friends of Parks Forum
Nicola Dempsey	Sheffield Green Spaces Forum
Michelle Furtado	Network Coordinator
Nigel Sharp (Secretary)	NW Parks Friends Forum

Apologies:

Sarah Royal	Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF)
Paul Ely	Parks Community UK
Wendy Blythe	Federation of Cambridge Residents Associations (FeCRA) & Cambridge Green Space Groups
Shelly Quinton-Hulme (Treasurer)	Friends of Trafford's Parks and Green Spaces
Nikki Iyayi	NFPGS administrator

Minutes of Previous Meeting (9.9.25 & 27.9.25) and Matters Arising

Minutes from the previous meetings were agreed.

Following the AGM approved changes the revised CIO constitution may need to be submitted to the Charity Commission – perhaps this could be linked to the annual report?

SQ-H**Parks Working Group**

ND/ DM provided an update:

- coordination of project delivery includes NFPGS sub-group: DM/ND/PE/NS.
- currently (24.11.25) 410 valid responses.
- others underway or in progress as drafts to be completed and submitted.
- Yuhan (University of Sheffield research student) has started preliminary analysis.
- work also ongoing to refine/ edit postcodes, etc.
- ongoing sharing of link and promotion of project.
- Data/ responses will help revise/rationalize NFPGS contact lists.
- DM has been extensively involved throughout with this role to be covered by NFPGS fees included in the MHCLG contract with UoS.
- Works are ongoing until early January '26.
- Yuhan to be commended for her dedication and support for the project.

Additional works to include research/ preparation of supportive case studies and a Better Friends report (no.3).

MF offered additional support with data analysis and Better Friends work.

DM/ND

NFPGS Working Groups	
Research - the academic members have been directly involved to shape the final surveys, providing comment re. questions, themes, wording, etc. - there will be scope for the project analysis to be presented as a paper in academic journals, etc. Funding - no further work pending the outcomes from the member surveys and related project analysis which will significantly inform NFPGS priorities and funding options. - The 'Pride in Place' strategy is expected to bring further opportunities, including community funds and potential links for NFPGS input – details at: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pride-in-place - NI is to review funding and look further options in the New Year. Campaigning - DM highlighted the need to raise awareness of the threat to parks, possibly with an appropriate day or event noting the impact of the March for Nature, with a need to consider how to engage and energise groups. - Issues include the capacity to organize, how to publicise, the scope for a London based or national event.	
Awards for All Project	
- DM and NI continue to draft an Activity Plan for the administrative role. - Following an initial induction, key tasks include reviewing, updating and rationalizing NFPGS database and contacts lists. - NI has met with MF to review newsletter options and various systems used. - DM is line manager for NI, SQ-H is managing payments, NS oversees DM claims to approve payment (SQ-H). It was noted that the Activity Plan needs to coordinate with the NFPGS Calendar of meetings, reports, etc. which will also need updating into 2026.	DM/SQ-H/ NS
Partnership working/ networking/ events/ enquiries	
Nature Towns and Cities (https://naturetownsandcities.org.uk) - NS/ND attended an event in Manchester, 23.10.25. - A summary of this event/ links to presentations will be shared. - ND has signed up for a 'Growing Community Power through Green Space' event General - NFPGS partners – notably including Keep Britain Tidy and Fields in Trust - have been circulated with details of the MHCLG surveys with a request to circulate to relevant contacts.	NS/ND

Next General Meeting	
- provisionally Saturday 24 January 2026 (by zoom) - may include opportunity to report back on the survey project. - Suggested discussion item: 'How are / can Area Forums support Friends of groups?' Could include: - o Membership/ succession plans - o Advice/ guidance/ mentoring - o Resources - o Funding - o Insurance advice/ support	
Date of Next Meeting	
20 January 2026: 7pm Trustees 24 January 2026: 10am General & Trustees zoom meeting (provisional) Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9213929960?pwd=Y1QyYi9iK2ZjY2VrdFk3RVh2Qm5Sdz09 Meeting ID: 921 392 9960 Password: FOVPS	All