

# Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership

Environment Sub-Group Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## Meeting Notes

### In Attendance

- Jeff Butterfield – Montpellier Conservation Group
- Steve Perry – Friends of St Andrews Park
- Jo Corke – Friends of St Andrews Park
- Alex Mills – Friends of St Andrews Park
- John Mayne – Friends of St Andrews Park
- Hugh Holden – St Werburgh's resident and Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) member
- Pete Bullard – Chair – St Paul's resident and NP member
- Neil Burwell – Bristol City Council (BCC) – Neighbourhood Management
- Sarah Tyler – BCC – Parks

### 1. Up-date on Section 106 projects

- Bellevue Park - is nearing completion, play equipment has been installed, fencing replaced and some surface work has been done. Some further surface work remains to be completed and some 'snagging' works.
- Gaunts Ham Park – stage one is complete, a new Multi-Use Games Area has been installed. Stage two will take place soon which involves the replacement of the perimeter fence.
- Mina Road Park – bench installation is almost complete.

### 2. Play Space Investment

A programme of play space investment has been drawn up by Parks and Sarah was in attendance to seek support for investment in two identified play areas. The two play areas are Albion Road Park in Easton and Ashley Street Park in Ashley. No NP funding is being requested for this work.

The ESG voiced its support for the investment in both of the identified play areas.

**Action:** The ESG requested that a note is formally included in the papers for the NP to inform them of the decision to voice support for the investment.

3. **St Andrews Park** – Friends of St Andrew's Park (FOSA Park) were formally welcomed to the ESG and as new residents to the NP area.

FOSA Park spoke of their aspirations to extend a link from the play area to the paddling pool and wished to make the NP aware of this. To move this project forward FOSA Park have been informed by John Knowlson of Play Services that a survey will need to be carried out on the land. FOSA are seeking £2,500 to fund the survey.

**Action:** FOSA Park requested that a formal approach is made to the NP for the funding.

4. **Montpellier Clean Up** – Concerns were reported to the group about the recent cleaning of graffiti by Nordic in Montpellier. This view is shared by members of the MCG. There were specific concerns about the methods used to clean Bath stone and the subsequent reported damage as a result. The meeting was informed that permission was reportedly not given by owners of some of the buildings for cleaning to take place and this was considered to be unlawful; action may be taken as a result. The subject stimulated a long discussion and it was likely to continue at planned meeting in Montpellier on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
  
5. **Trees** - Members of FOSA Park informed the group about two trees that were removed from St Andrew's Park and their wish to replace them. The other members of the group informed FOSA Park about the recent tree mapping exercises, the drawing up of an aspirational tree planting list and its presentation to the NP for information. The ESG invited residents of St Andrew's via FOSA Park to add to this list by carrying out a similar exercise. Whilst the mapping of trees focussed primarily on street trees and empty tree pits, trees in soft ground can also be included. It was stressed however that funding was not guaranteed and options such as sponsorship needs to be considered.

**Action:** Neil to send members of FOSA Park maps and instructions to carry out a mapping exercise with the support of other residents if they so wish.

6. **Graffiti in Mina Road Railway Tunnel** – Hugh expressed concern about graffiti activity in the Railway tunnel during the first May Bank Holiday. Artists were reportedly occupying both pavements whilst applying paint to the walls reportedly causing an obstruction resulting in pedestrians needing to go into the road, and the level of paint fumes emanating from the activity was reportedly very high in the confines of the tunnel (this issue also came up at a recent Neighbourhood Forum as it affects parents and children heading for the City Farm). Hugh said that the tunnel was in effect a no go area during the activity. When questioned about the activity, the artists said that permission had been given by BCC for the event.

**Action:** Neil to find out whether permission was given by BCC for the event and by whom. Also, to find out who is responsible for dealing with the issues of obstruction. Report back initially to Hugh and then the Sub-Group.

#### 7. **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 7.00 pm, Junction 3 Library