

# Green Action in Central Tottenham

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## Report of meeting – Sunday 25 February 2024

**Present:** Dave (chairing), Bob, George, Pamela, Sue, Sandra, Aroa, Rita, Carmel (taking notes)

**Apologies:** Will, Roxana, Stephanie, Saba

### 1. Recap of previous meeting (10 December 2023)

Dave highlighted the following points from the meeting report:

\* Luke Howard Weather Station

More people are needed to promote the weather station at the Hub – especially on the educational side with the links to climate crisis.

\* Green Action in Central Tottenham meetings – good to see various networks have been sharing the info. Need to continue to publicise widely, reach more people

### 2. Actions – updates

#### 2.1. Friends of the Earth - Bob

\* Spring Fair on Tottenham Green – Saturday 23 March, 12pm – 5pm

FoE and Growing-in-Haringey to have stalls

\* Warm Homes campaign continues with cards to send to MPs, etc.

\* Planet over Profit is campaigning for a new UK law to protect people and planet from abuse. This law would:

- Require companies to prevent environmental and human destruction in their supply chains / Hold companies liable for harm to people or planet / Enable affected communities to access justice *For more info visit [foe.uk/planet-over-profit](http://foe.uk/planet-over-profit)*

\* FoE will be organising a local ‘hustings’ public meeting for London/Mayoral elections.

\* Next Tottenham FOE meeting 27 March.

#### 2.2. Growing-in-Haringey – Pamela

\* Helped Clyde Road Residents Association get funding for a thermal camera so they can monitor heat loss from homes. They now need to set up engagement meetings to show residents how to use this.

\* Helped a number of groups access Community Fund.

\* Big Green Week 8 -16 June (a national event run by Climate Coalition)

\* London Climate Action Week 22 – 30 June (more community-orientated run by ECG)

#### 2.3. Recycling - Hub and Haringey’s Parks - Aroa

\* Council is gradually replacing all the general waste park bins with separated general waste and recycling bins. There needs to be a concerted campaign to educate public how to use correctly and why.

\* Hubbub (environmental organisation) works in partnership with councils to help get public understanding on issues like this. Funding is available from Hubbub: council or a group of residents could apply for funding for a pilot project e.g. getting bins properly labelled.

**Action:** Aroa and Dave to draft a funding proposal. Aim to be supported by local green networks, parks forum and the Council, and with their backing make application for grant up to £14,000.

#### **2.4. Friends of Lordship Rec – Dave**

\* Calendar circulated of all Lordship Rec volunteering sessions and events for 2024

\* Calling for a Tottenham Green Fair in the Rec on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> (see below)

#### **2.5. Community Gardens**

\* Friends of Harmony Gardens – Sandra put out a call for more volunteers generally and in particular, a dedicated person to take responsibility for the Children’s Gardens. Harmony Gardens are open for volunteer sessions Tuesdays and Fridays, 11am – 2.30pm (winter) and longer in summer.

\* Elizabeth Place community garden – Sue mentioned a possible link with Project 28 in Lawrence Road – to support ex-offenders.

\* Wolves Lane – Seed Festival - Sunday 10 March, 12 pm – 8pm Organised by Black Rootz. Bring seeds and stories to share, learn about the importance of seed sovereignty and practices of seed saving, sowing and storing. Film by Vandana Shiva.

### **3. Communications and networking among local ‘green’ groups**

\* Carmel shared some info about the Haringey Climate & Nature Emergency Network which formed after a workshops day held by Haringey Community Action Network (HCAN) in June 2023. The aim is to improve links between local environment groups and the community, and to support each other to be more effective.

\* Some discussion about existing communications such as Sustainable Haringey’s monthly newsletter which will publicise any ‘green’ community actions. Haringey Climate Forum (set up in 2011 to bring council and activists together) has a useful website with info about local ‘green’ groups. Also there’s XR, 4U2, and FOE.

### **4. How can Green Action in Central Tottenham move forward?**

\* Invite relevant outside groups to come and co-host an event with us e.g Black Rootz from Wolves Lane have been invited later (busy now with Seed Festival). Co-hosts also suggested include trade unions, local Right To Food campaign, and youth groups e.g Bruce Grove Youth Club. Such events (not ‘meeting’) would enable various groups/projects/campaigns to showcase their work and link up with us. Sandra emphasised that the meetings/events must provide something relevant to local residents.

**Agreed:** Carmel to ask Haringey Right To Food group if they would be interested in creating a Food/Environment event in place of our April coordinating meeting, ie April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm?

### **5. Tottenham Green Fair proposal, Lordship Rec Sept 14th**

Dave highlighted the annual Tottenham Flower & Produce Show – due on 14 September. This year the Friends propose it be expanded into a Green Fair. Planning meeting for this is on 27 March, 6.30pm – for it to happen people to get involved at this stage! Please come along to help organise it. We (GACT) agreed to support.

### **6. Next meeting: Sunday 24 March, 1pm at the Lordship Hub**