

Friends of Burgess Park Annual Report 2014



STRATEGIC VISION

In October 2013 we presented our six priorities for Burgess Park to Southwark Council (Green) Assembly.

One year on we can update on our progress to create a clear forward vision for Burgess Park which has wide support from the Council, park user groups, local residents and local groups.

A clear focus on nature and bio-diversity



FOBP have promoted the London Wildlife Trust concept of the six indicator species important for the park through our interactive educational stencil /chalking activity and information sheet.

It's cheap, great fun and we want to do more, plus other events to engage people with nature.

Recognition and documentation of the history of the park



The Bridge to Nowhere project has engaged hundreds of people to find out more about the history of Burgess Park. From May 2013 to June 2014 we achieved:

- **May Fair 2013**
- **Open air free film event 2013**
- **Craft events Jowett Street park 2013**
- **Oral history tracks on You Tube**
- **Story-telling project with Gloucester Grove and Michael Faraday primary school**
- **Heritage talks and walks**
- **Developed the heritage trail and walks**
- **Canal themed Installation in the underpass**
- **Final celebration event June 2014**
- **Bridge to Nowhere website – ongoing**

The project is continuing; our website is updated as people provide more information, plus further talks and walks.



Thanks to: Heritage Lottery Fund, Southwark Council, Art in the Park, Repräsent Radio, Gloucester Grove and Michael Faraday schools, Burgess Park adventure playground, Burgess Park Ambassadors and the many volunteers and of course our Heritage Project Co-ordinator, Theresa Dhaliwal-Davies who made the project such a success.

COMMUNITY USE FOR LEARNING

FOBP have demonstrated this with our Bridge to Nowhere project. More can be done to consider the use of buildings; health, wellbeing and volunteering.

LINKING ALL THE AREAS OF BURGESS PARK TOGETHER

Our Bridge to Nowhere maps; plus the new maps and signage in the park made a good start. Improving linkage through design, site lines, natural play, running and woodland trails are the next stage.

Schools outdoor learning



A COMPLETE AND SUSTAINABLE BURGESS PARK

To enhance the outlying areas we have a £23k project underway for improved seating, planting and natural play at Jowett Street park. Consultation was undertaken by FOBP. The plans will be agreed in November. Funding is from Southwark Council and Mayor of London Pocket Parks. The work will be completed by March 2015.

More details: friendsofburgesspark.org.uk

A PLACE FOR SPORTS, ARTS, PLAY, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND QUIETE ENJOYMENT

In August the free film festival showed Pan's Labyrinth and Frozen and attracted a wide range of people audiences with over 400 people attending. The novel pedal power movies were very popular.



Thanks to: Southwark Council Community Council Fund, L&Q, NHHT, plus donations from people attending and help from volunteer stewards and Southwark Young Advisers.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY

Our lobbying and plan of action for use has been successful and Passmore Edwards library is in use again. Wells Way Pop Up has been up and running since October and the short lease will last to April 2015. This brings the space back to life and will test out different uses. If local people want this space please show support for the events.

Over the past year we have consulted on future use of the building and once again held Open House in September 2014. We have applied for funding to scope and consult a viable business plan for community use.

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