

Minutes of the meeting of the Dulwich Society Tree Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2023 (moved from 6 July).

Present: David Beamish (Chair), Patricia Hole, Mary Poole-Wilson, Glynis Williams.

Declaration of interests: Members' declared interests are recorded in an appendix.

The **minutes** of the meeting on held on 27 April 2023 were approved.

Tree walks: Daniel Greenwood had agreed in principle to lead another walk for the Dulwich Society in 2023. A date had yet to be fixed, and the Chairman agreed to follow this up.

Tree to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II: The *Ulmus* 'Wanoux' (VADA) planted in the garden of Dulwich Picture Gallery on 11 April had been inaugurated on 2 June with the unveiling of a plaque by Jenny Scott, Gallery Director. Mark Lane, who had proposed the choice of a disease-resistant elm, was present (and duly thanked).



Tree articles for the Dulwich Society Journal: Glynis Williams was in the final stages of preparing an article on Crepe myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) for the Autumn 2023 Journal. Other planned articles include:

- Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) (article by Mary Poole-Wilson for a Winter Journal, if possible Winter 2023)
- Stag's horn sumach (*Rhus typhina*) (article by the Chair)

The Chairman agreed to check where Norway spruce trees (*Picea abies*) were to be found in Dulwich.

Tulip tree outside 37A Dulwich Village: Since the previous meeting, the Dulwich Estate had undertaken resurfacing which had greatly improved the situation on the east side of the tree – the photographs below show “before” (left) and “after”.



Production of digital tree maps: There was no progress to report. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cleaner Greener Safer funding: At the previous meeting it had been proposed that, in the 2023 round of bids for CGS funding, the Committee should try again to obtain funding for tree planting in the unused space (at one time a lay-by) to the south of the College Gate entrance to Dulwich Park. Unfortunately the space had been allocated to parking for hire cycles and e-scooters.



Patricia Hole would email her local councillors to suggest planting more street trees at the southern end of Alley Park.

Creation of a wood meadow in Belair Park: Southwark Council had recently sent invitations to a public consultation regarding the creation of a wood meadow in Belair Park on Friday 7 July from 11am to 4pm at the Belair Changing Rooms. Mary Poole-Wilson agreed to try to look in.

Next meeting: Provisionally arranged for Wednesday 4 October 2023 at 5pm.

Declarations of interest

David Beamish: Chair, Dulwich & District u3a. Volunteer, Dulwich Picture Gallery. Member, Dulwich Park Friends. Member, Woodland Trust.

Patricia Hole: No relevant interests.

Mary Poole-Wilson: No relevant interests.

Sam Taylor: Employed by London Wildlife Trust as manager, Sydenham Hill Wood.

Glynis Williams: No relevant interests.