

Minutes of the meeting of the Dulwich Society Tree Committee held on Wednesday 4 October 2023.

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

Apologies for absence: Patricia Hole and Sam Taylor.

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

The **minutes** of the meeting on held on 5 July 2023 were approved.

Tree walks: Daniel Greenwood had agreed, following an approach by Jeremy Prescott, to lead another fungus-themed walk in Dulwich Park on Sunday 5 November at 11am. This was intended for members only, with details of online booking in the eNewsletter.

Production of digital tree maps: The Chair had failed to find a program intended for producing digital local maps and had concluded that a design program was likely to be the best way forward. It was agreed that no special tree symbols were needed, but simply a set of numbers or letters on the map with an associated species name & text. The Old Burial Ground, being quite small, would be a good starting point, probably followed by Long Meadow.

Cleaner Greener Safer funding: Glynis Williams was in contact with Councillors and Council officers in relation to a previous award in relation to a proposal which she had put forward. No specific new proposals had been identified, though Patricia Hole (unavoidably absent from the meeting) had suggested that street tree planting was desirable at the southern end of Alleyn Park.

Tree articles for the Dulwich Society Journal: An article by Glynis Williams on Crepe myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) had appeared in the Autumn 2023 Journal.

One of the editors had suggested to the Chair that, as the next Journal was to be a Diamond Anniversary 'Special Edition', an article might reflect on the change in our local treescape over that time. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and the Chair would seek to draft something suitable. As well as noting some of the challenges (such as Dutch Elm disease) it would celebrate some of the survivors (such as the Zelkova at the Corner of College Road and Dulwich Common) and the introduction of interesting exotic species.

Other planned articles for later issues include:

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

New members: It was agreed that members, and the Executive, should try to identify some new members for the Committee.

Next meeting: Provisionally arranged for Thursday 4 January 2024 at 5pm.

Declarations of interest

David Beamish: 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.