



The Friends of Arnold Circus
Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 25 November 2019
at Leila's Shop, Calvert Avenue, E2 7JP

Trustees Present:

Leila McAlister (acting Chair), Jenny Bernard (Treasurer & acting Secretary), Neil Cummings, Robin Hatton-Gore, Jean Locker, Samson Soboye, Brendan McKnight, Alice Herrick, Andrew Clark, Angelika Noll

Also in attendance: Andrew Willoughby (head gardener), Alicia Williams (assistant gardener)

Total number in attendance: 28

Agenda:

1. Refreshments and members' registration
2. *"The Creeping Plague of Ghastly Facadism"* - an illustrated talk by The Gentle Author followed by a Q&A session.
3. AGM Business:
 - a. Apologies for Absence
 - b. Minutes of the previous AGM
 - c. Matters arising from the previous minutes
 - d. Chair's Report
 - e. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
 - f. Resignation and Election of committee members
 - g. Any other business

A. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

B. Minutes of the previous AGM

These were not available on the night but will be posted on the Friends website, as will the minutes of this year's AGM.

C. Matters arising from the previous AGM

There were no matters arising.



D. Chair's report

Leila welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM. She reported that Tower Hamlets were undertaking a consultation on their "Livable Streets" initiative which would have a direct effect on the area, including pedestrianisation of the Circus. She encouraged anyone with an interest to respond to the consultation as tonight is the deadline.

It was reported that Alice is in ongoing discussions with the artist Adam Dant regarding a fundraising print project to support the costs of installing a drinking fountain on the Circus. The aim is to get the 'Fountain' print ready for sale in the spring of 2020.

The Friends will be looking into expanding the donation button on the website to include payments for prints etc.

E. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

Jenny gave out copies of her report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (both appended to these Minutes).

She reported that fundraising had again been challenging as, apart from the Tower Hill Trust/Tower Habitats funding, the main source of income for the charity was money from the Film Office and there was no way to know how much or when we get this money.

She reported that Martino Gamper has dedicated the profits from the sale of his Pistachio-coloured "Arnold Circus" stool to support the work of the Friends but the money has not yet been received so is not included in the 2018-2019 accounts.

F. Resignation and Election of committee members

Leila reported that three new trustees had been appointed this year - Brendan McKnight, Andrew Clark, Angelika Noll. The new trustees each introduced themselves. There were no resignations and no need for any elections. Alice volunteered to become the Secretary again, relieving Jenny of the acting role. Andrew Clark has volunteered to take on the role of Chair.

G. Any other business

There was no other business and the AGM closed at 9pm.



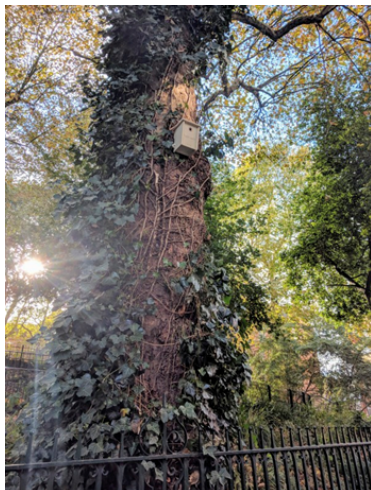
Appendix 1:

FRIENDS OF ARNOLD CIRCUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 November 2019 Treasurer's Report April 2018 – March 2019

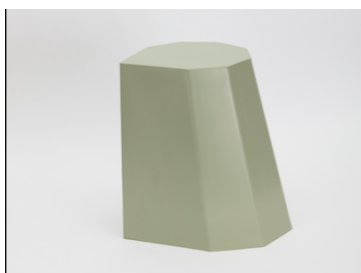
Financially this has been another year of success and challenges.

In 2018 we successfully applied to the Tower Habitats fund run by the Tower Hill Trust and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The activities for this took place between May and September 2018.

This small grant was to increase Biodiversity in the area and provided us with the opportunity to develop a "Wildlife Super Highway" adding plants to provide year-round food for the area's wildlife as well as attracting additional wildlife by installing bird and bat boxes, and providing a log pile or insects.



In 2019 Martino Gamper generously donated the profits from the *pistachio* coloured edition of his Arnold Circus stool towards supporting the work of FoAC. To date sales have generated £2,985 to support the work of the Friends (although these figures are not reflected in the attached accounts).





Despite these successes, fundraising to support the vital costs of maintaining the gardens remains challenging – particularly as the Service Level Agreement currently in place with the Tower Hamlets does not have any funding attached.

The Trustees are exploring ways of leveraging the benefits that the beautifully maintained Gardens bring to the area (reflected in the use of imagery of the Gardens on corporate websites and the ongoing use of the venue for filming) to provide for the longer term sustainability of their care and upkeep.



Appendix 2:

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

INCOME 2018 – 2019

<i>Restricted</i>	2019	2018
Rachel Whiteread Print sales	0	£1,200.00
Tower Hill Trust/Tower Habitats	£2,000.00	£4,500.00
Total Restricted Funds	£2,000.00	£5,700.00
<i>Unrestricted</i>		
Leon Kossoff Print sales	0	£30.00
Donations/bag sales/T-shirt sales	£195.00	£154.00
Open Gardens	£60.00	£60.00
Film Office	£2,781.00	£3,700.00
Ally Capellino Donation	£187.91	£456.00
Bank interest	0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds	£3,223.91	£4,400.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5,223.91	£10,100.00

EXPENDITURE 2018 – 2019

<i>Restricted</i>	2019	2018
Events	0	0
Gardening	£8,936.82	£8,011.75
Total Restricted Expenditure	£8,936.82	£8,011.75
<i>Unrestricted</i>		
Fundraising & Marketing	£206.37	0
Administration	0	£366.00
Total Unrestricted Expenditure	£206.37	£366.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£9,143.19	£8,377.75
Net Balance	(£3,919.28)	£1,722.25
Cash funds b fwd 2017-2018	£15,575.89	13,853.64
Cash funds @ 31 March 2019	£11,656.61	15,575.89
Bank balance @ 31/3/2019	£11,656.61	15,575.89