



Middleton Park SAG  
 Wednesday 23rd November 2011  
 10.00pm  
 Conference Room  
 Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
Councillor Jack Dunn (Chair)	Ward Councillor
Councillor Geoff Driver	Ward Councillor
David Morgan	Parks & Countryside
Graeme Ashton	Parks & Countryside
Eileen Hallas	Friends of Middleton Park
Nick Rose	Friends of Middleton Park
Joanne Hainsworth	Middleton Cluster Manager
Maggie Hartley	JESS Cluster Manager
Gavin Forster	Area Management Team

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.1	Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.1	Cllr Adam Ogilvie, Anne Chadwick, Sean Flesher, Kris Nenadic, Shaid Mahmood	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	Minutes approved as a true record of the last meeting.	
3.2	4.7 – walking trails were mentioned but the friends of group highlighted the proposal that is currently being looked at by P&C for a ‘trim trail’. This is being looked at but the main focus in the initial stages of the works is around the usage and improvement to the existing walking and cycling route, with their links to the bridleway network. In the same way as West Leeds Country Park, the wider links from the park will be looked at to join up some of the other local greenspaces. The trim trail being suggested is close in design to the equipment in Cross Flatts Park and would propagate the message of health and fitness. Further updates on this will be provided in due course.	
3.3	Re: John Charles Centre – the recent Schools cross country event was very successful and linked well with the park. A representative was due to attend the meeting. They will be invited again for the next meeting.	<b>GF</b>
3.4	There is currently a walking group running out of JCCS that links to a similar scheme being run out of Middleton Leisure centre.	
3.5	Confirmation that this group is acting as a support structure to the friends of group to address any needs that are restricting them from delivering their events.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Update on Capital works</b>	
4.1	The centre has mostly been demolished with construction to begin	

	in the next week. The landscaping preliminaries and compound setting up have started.	
4.2	<p>Due to the scale of the works it is proposed that all updates on the works will be provided to the public via a noticeboard in the park. After some discussion it was felt that there are a number of opportunities to pass this information out to the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the AMT community mailing list</li> <li>• Through the parent network in each of the clusters</li> <li>• South Leeds Community Radio</li> <li>• South Leeds Life website</li> </ul>	
4.3	P&C are developing a teaching pack that can be used by schools to engage better with the surroundings of the park. There are a number of routes this can be used in but may need to be supported by P&C staff.	
4.4	<p>The next 3 months will focus on the development of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaping works to start</li> <li>• Path improvements</li> <li>• Building works ongoing</li> </ul>	
4.5	Longer term there are plans to fully develop the eco-trail and the heritage trail.	
4.6	Confirmation given that the 'ownership' of the site compound will be the contractors until the project is fully signed off. This means any damage to the site will have to be covered as part of the contractors insurances.	
4.7	Discussions around safety and the attitudes towards the park. It seems that the police are promoting young people to use the park over being on the streets. This in itself causes problems . As this is a large issue the group agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting with the relevant agencies in attendance.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Current programme barriers</b>	
5.1	<p>Significant issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicity What are the current networks that can be tapped in to, allowing the message to get out further?</li> <li>• Contacts with excluded groups Where is the best starting point for reaching groups that don't currently assess the park?</li> </ul> <p>Through discussions the following groups/opportunities were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middleton Community group website – publicity – <a href="mailto:Lisa.huntley@renew-leeds.co.uk">Lisa.huntley@renew-leeds.co.uk</a></li> <li>• The Hub – promotion of events but also access to young people – <a href="mailto:Leon.reed@leeds.gov.uk">Leon.reed@leeds.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• South Leeds Life website - <a href="http://southleedslife.wordpress.com/">http://southleedslife.wordpress.com/</a></li> <li>• NIPS in Outer South – Promotion of events and links to wider communities – <a href="mailto:Nicky.greening@leeds.gov.uk">Nicky.greening@leeds.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• Hamara Centre - Promotion of events and links to wider communities - <a href="mailto:admin@hamara.co.uk">admin@hamara.co.uk</a></li> <li>• Email mailing list through AMT – <a href="mailto:steve.ross@leeds.gov.uk">steve.ross@leeds.gov.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>To support this promotion there could be some work to be carried out around</p>	

	<p>the development of a south Leeds Parks group, this was developed in the past and could work well to promote all of the different parks in the area.</p> <p>Training – currently working with a number of further education providers such as:  Leeds City College – delivering hands on working and some of the survey work.  BTCV – supporting and NVQ</p> <p>-Need to identify links with Leeds Building College – Cllr Driver confirmed he was on the board and would be happy to provide links to appropriate staff. GA to email GD for info.</p> <p>Coburn 6<sup>th</sup> form college do have an allotment etc in the school and NACRO have an allotment on Dewsbury road – Joanne Hainsworth can link in to this work.</p> <p>Engagement needed with young people to engage with them more effectively. This could be best carried out through engagement with the Youth Service. This should be arranged as a specific meeting on this topic with Satbinder Soor(Senior Youth Officer) &amp; Leon Reed(the HUB).</p> <p>Educational Pack – P&amp;C have drafted up a document that can be used by schools and groups to have a more informative experience within the park. This pack can be distributed far and wide when completed. The current proposal is to have staff visit the local schools and work through the pack as they will be more likely to regularly access the park. Further discussion is required to arrange the specifics of how this can be rolled out effectively to all of the schools in South East.</p> <p>Dog Wardens – need to confirm their role in the park and the most effective way of engaging with them.</p> <p>PCSO's – due to the safety concerns in the park stronger links need to be made to effectively. With safety being the main item on the next agenda this item will be discussed in more detail then.</p>	<p><b>GA</b></p> <p><b>GA</b></p> <p><b>GA</b></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Action for next meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety came out as the main issue to focus on, at the next meeting relevant officers will be asked to attend and look to identify actions to address safety related issues.</li> <li>• The education pack to be distributed to all group members to see what other opportunities there are to spread the knowledge as wide as possible</li> <li>• Communication routes and contact details to be passed to GA to facilitate information sharing.</li> <li>• Local events that are planned to be passed to GA to include on cycle of engagement</li> </ul>	<p><b>GF</b></p> <p><b>GA</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	Very important to include the industrial archaeology of the area in	

	future plans there is great potential in the wealth of history in the park. P&C confirmed that this would be included and already works around the horse gin and the holt will form part of the capital works.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of Future Meetings</b>	
9.1	<p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC with Cllr Ogilvie</li> </ul>	