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Gunnersbury Park and Museum Big Conversation – Climate Change 1st February 2020

Transport

Travel

- Gunnersbury should be lobbying and influencing TfL to improve the travel links
- Public transport not good enough
- Gunnersbury Park PTAL (public transport accessibility level) rating is 2 with the best being 6b and the worst being 0
- Every time there is a large event the E3 bus route gets changed
- Do 'Slide Ealing' allow dogs on board? Could encourage them to if they don't already
- Is there any way that local people can 'piggy back' on the Sky or University bus to get to the park?

Car Park

- Removed plant nursery to build car park
- More electric parking space
- Could charge more for cars according to their vehicle emissions
- Dog walker businesses are running from the park and they arrive by car

Walking

- Quiet walking routes
- Gunnersbury event leaflets could show walking routes or alternative routes – have to be aware that some of the roads are closed for certain large events
- Gunnersbury Park and Museum could produce its own booklet on what is of interest locally that people can walk to – curated walks
- Could be an app – more environmentally friendly?
- Could have a range of walks in the park – start with 'gentle' and work up. Will help with health and mobility

Cycling

- Signage for cycle quiet ways
- Leader of Ealing Council – Julian Bell – is a reformed cyclist and would be good to lobby him to improve the signage locally
- Should have a public bike repair stand and pump
- More cycle parking racks
- There is a park run, why not a cycle 'run'
- Should be safe cycling routes and signage



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Signage

- Improved signage in the park could direct people to water stations, and transport stations
- The wayfinding signs in Gunnersbury are quite corporate
- Could have some 'pop-up' signage
- Where are the gates? Which ones are open? This knowledge could help with people walking to and accessing the park.
- Signage from all the local stations is lacking
- There are no signs to say where Gunnersbury Park is when you come out of the local stations
- Improved signposting

Engagement & Behavioural Change

- Get out and talk to people
- Have a conversation with the park runners about their mode of transportation
- Get people to recognise how their contribution would count towards the CIC's goal of reducing their carbon footprint of 30%
- Run a campaign – get people to sign up and pledge to not drive to the park
- Hand out free dog poo bags to start conversations and start identifying how people arrive at the park and offer ways that they might change their behaviour
- Give a discount in the café or sports centre for people who cycle to the park
- When people join the sports centre, they should be given information on how they can get there without driving

Other

- Ground source heat pump would be a good way to heat up these listed buildings
- There is a rat infestation around the Potomac lake – needs to be addressed
- Gatekeepers house is boarded up – it is a waste given the current housing crisis – whose responsibility is it?
- People need to know what the role of the CIC is and what the role of the council is – it should be clear
- Solar panels on the new toilet block



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Waste Management

General

- Promotion for the Big Conversation was poor
- 1.5 million visitors to the park each year. Have a responsibility to deal with waste but it comes at a cost
- The new sports complex will have a lot of footfall and litter
- Need to have recycling bins in the park
- Signage is important – for example putting a sign on a waste bin that says 'Going to Landfill' is more impactful
- Need to look at all the different types of waste in the park – from the shop, the museum, staff, Benugos and Capel Manor
- Some of the items sold in the shop are plastic 'tat'. There are sea miles associated with transporting them to the UK
- Should the CIC have minimum ethical standards for items they sell?
- Could people be charged to use the park to cover the costs of additional maintenance?

Water

- In the summer, the 2 ponds are topped up with mains water. This has an economic and environmental cost
- Water could be sourced from a bore hole but putting it in is expensive
- A lot of water falls on roofs of buildings and is wasted as it runs down the drain. It could be harvested and stored in tanks for use in the summer
- The front of the museum floods with heavy rain – this could also be captured
- Should have greywater recycling at the sports centre – use waste water from the showers to flush the toilets

Organic Waste

- There are a lot of leaves in the park – 2,500 trees
- They are gathered up with diesel leaf blowers and thrown away
- Could be a resource for the park – produce and sell leafmould and compost
- Could also use it in the park – storage and moving it around site is a consideration



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- What about the waste food from the kitchen garden. Sometimes too much of something is grown and it goes to waste
- Could Benugos use it – would have to suit their menu which is planned centrally and in advance
- Would people buy Gunnersbury produce?
- Surplus food could be given to someone like The Felix Project for distribution
- Composting organic waste in the park would reduce the amount of compost purchased and the associated transportation emissions
- Work out how much could be composted on site and what the potential savings would be

Trees

- How many tonnes of CO₂ is converted to O₂ by trees in the park?
- Could more trees be grown
- There is a cost to having more trees as they need to be maintained- need to consider the short -term cost v's mid/long term benefits

Biodiversity

Key Points

- Have more events on tree protection and compaction
- Labelling of trees
- There's too much grass
- More trees and hedges – edible hedge, new car park
- Composting
- Water source heat pump
- A newsletter
- Green walls
- Bees
- NW dark – trees around pitches
- Dog free areas
- Bat boxes
- Sculptures