

Highbury Fields Tennis Steering Group

Meeting Monday 19 March

Present: Wendy, Manu, Viren, Hitesh, Sally and Jill

Representing the Steering Group

There was a general discussion and some concern about whether or not all the members of the Steering Group were sharing information sufficiently, how information that affected everyone was being communicated, and that there was scope for misunderstanding about who individuals were representing when they spoke to the Islington Tennis Development Group. It was agreed that when talking to the Islington Tennis Development Group individuals should make it clear if they were speaking on behalf of the steering group or in their personal capacity.

Use of courts by The Highbury Tennis Club

There was some concern about how the request for the Highbury Tennis Club to play on the lower courts had come about. Wendy said she had had an email from Brenda Stewart saying the HTC club had to play on the lower courts. The issue was raised.????? and Dan Jarvis had said he would ask Greenspace if they could help with that.

Wendy reported that Jem Lee from the LTA WHEN???? had expressed surprise that the courts were so expensive, given their poor condition, and Wendy said felt she was being used by the LTA to put pressure on the council to improve the courts.

Sally said she had a copy of the LTA's survey of the courts, which said they were all in good condition, and would forward it to everyone.

Wendy wondered if the conditions that were going to be attached to the 8-day booking privileges were going to be such that they might not want them at all.

Consultation

Viren raised the issue of consultation by the Islington Tennis Development Group and there was agreement the group was not being consulted and there was a general view that among the issues we would like on the agenda for the meeting on Friday 23 March were:

- Maintenance
- Block bookings: for which people/groups and for what purpose
- Management: who is in charge and who is responsible for what
- The relationship between the ITC and HF

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 March, 3pm