

BLUprint

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The ink is getting nearer to the paper...

but once again we are unable to tell you that Lambeth Council and Fusion have signed the historic lease to secure Brockwell Lido for the next 25 years...

however...

the Lido has received £500,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help with preservation of the listed building.

Fusion has appointed Rob Pagano as project manager for the Lido. He has met with staff who run classes at the Lido and is liaising with Caroline Burghard & Kirk Service who are looking after the Lido during this interim period. Architects, Pollard Thomas Edwards & Builders, Willmott Dixon are developing the plans and Qudos Design are working on interiors. BLU committee members have looked at a first draft of these and expressed some concerns.

Provision of temporary accommodation for classes is being organised & good range of classes is being maintained (see enclosed timetable/ phone Whippersnapper reception on 020 7738 6633/ visit BLU website)

What about this Summer?

Building work will not begin earlier than April but Fusion intends to provide a short swimming season this year as well as accommodating classes throughout. Boiler suits and hard hats may be worn over swimming gear...

So what's the delay?

Detailed plans need to be approved by Lambeth Planning. The Community Service Agreement (CSA) which decides on things like pricing, access, opening & closing hours is still being discussed.

BLU at the steering wheel

Our contribution to the future of the Lido has never been more important than it is now:

1. until the lease is actually signed the Lido is not safe
2. BLU's input is vital in making sure the Lido continues to be what users want it to be
3. BLUs members on **Brockwell Lido Steering Group (BLSG)** instructed by BLU itself will ensure your voice is heard.

BLSG

was initiated by BLU at last years AGM. It will be legally constituted, consist of up to 50% BLU members as well as representatives from other local groups, and should enable us to review, monitor & initiate progress at the Lido on a long-term basis. BLSG will have a seat on Fusion's board of management & meet regularly with Lambeth & Fusion as well as being involved in the yearly review of Lido facilities which is required according to the contract between Lambeth & Fusion.

Lottery Bid for Brockwell Park

Brockwell Park will be running a number of fund-raising events through the year to improve facilities in the Park. If you're feeling fit and sociable join **The Five Park Walk** at 10am on Sunday 15 May 15th which goes through at least 5 other local parks, passing 3 famous local pubs, and returns to Brockwell Park. Distance 7 miles.

£6 (incls map & history guide).

Children free and welcome.

Details & tickets from Andy Walker on 020 7274 5780 af.walker@ntlworld.com
