Preliminary Proposal to establish a Trust[1] for Crystal Palace Park

This statement has been initially prepared and agreed by the following Groups:

- Crystal Palace Park Community Stakeholder Group
- Crystal Palace Sports Partnership
- Friends of Crystal Palace Park
- Friends of Crystal Palace Subway
- Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs
- Crystal Palace Transition Town
- Crystal Palace Park Heritage and Environment Group
- Crystal Palace Campaign
- Crystal Palace Overground Festival
- Crystal Palace Chamber of Commerce

We wish to establish a body which will work with Bromley Council and other stakeholders to explore the opportunities to establish a trust or other community body to undertake the sustainable operation and management of Crystal Palace Park.

Our starting point is the Vision Statement for the 2007 Masterplan for Crystal Palace Park.

Crystal Palace Park Masterplan Vision Statement

"Crystal Palace Park is one of the most important 19th Century urban parks in the country. It contains not only significant remains from its original Joseph Paxton design but also later layers of history that reflect its changing use and stature.

Our Vision is to rejuvenate Crystal Palace Park as a metropolitan park, heritage asset, cultural, leisure, educational and recreational resource for the 21st Century to meet the needs of local people and the public at large, while interpreting and conserving its national significance."

The Masterplan Vision Statement is underpinned by five core principles:

- A revived metropolitan park and heritage asset
- A sports and events park
- A sustainable park
- An accessible and integrated park
- An educational park

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[1] For the purpose of this paper 'trust' is a generic term for arranging for the delivery of management and operation of Crystal Palace Park by a community led non-profit organisation.

The preliminary Vision and Mission Statement for the trust builds on that for the Crystal Palace Park Community Stakeholder Group agreed in 2011.

Preliminary Vision and Mission Statement

Our Vision
We will work to bring the whole community together to support a regenerated, revitalised and sustainable Crystal Palace Park, creating an environment that is used, valued and admired by local people and visitors from further afield.

Our Mission
The primary aim of the Crystal Palace Park Community Stakeholder Group is to explore opportunities for the management, restoration, development and protection of Crystal Palace Park.

This is to be achieved by:
- investigating, reporting on and, on approval, delivering options for events, funding, site projects, marketing and publicity, and social investment; in conjunction with the Crystal Palace Park Executive Project Board;
- forming relationships with the local community and other interested groups;
- feeding back views from the community and Community Stakeholder Group to the Crystal Palace Park Executive Project Board.

Our Values
Underlying the work we do, the following core sustainability values will play an essential and integral part of our activities.

Economic:
- Seek to maintain and develop the park through secure funding and sustainable income streams;
- Promote ethical buying and local sourcing.

Environmental:
- Maintain and, wherever possible, strive to conserve and enhance the quality of the environment, ensuring all resources are used efficiently and work towards a carbon free future by:
  - cutting energy and reducing carbon emissions,
  - promoting effective renewable energy sources and energy generation,
  - reducing waste and encouraging recycling,
  - promoting sustainable construction,
  - reducing water use, and
  - conserving flora and fauna to help biodiversity.

Social:
- Ensure the quality of the park's environment is improved, welcoming and accessible to all;
- Ensure the park's resources and opportunities will be available to everyone, regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, cultural background, religion etc;
- Use a consensus-building, participatory process when making decisions;
- Promote the health and well-being of the community