# Appendix 2

# Ben Novak

Ben is celebrating 10 years as an avid Scrubs user, having lived on Mellitus Street since 2011. With two daughters and a pyranean mountain dog (Panda), we feel very privileged having such close access to a natural area, and love that it is 'more wild than tamed'. When forced from the Scrubs into an office, Ben has been a civil servant for 15 years, providing IT support to central government, so is well practised at navigating bureaucracy, and cutting through red tape. Slightly dubious IT skills though.

Having signed up to the FOWWS group about 3 years ago, Ben is now in a position to dedicate time and energy to the group, and work at promoting and protecting the wonderful natural asset. What Ben would offer, and hope for from the trustees that get appointed, is to protect the Scrubs natural biodiversity, an ethos of teamwork, and a sense of community from all users, visitors, and organisations on the physical fringes of Wormwood Scrubs.

## **Emma Ranson**

Having been brought up in Holland Park,W11 and now residing in Stamford Brook W 12, I have walked and used the Scrubs for 50 years plus, as a dog owner, an exercise space, a children's activity space, for children's sport, and much, much more. After a career in teaching, and having run my own food business, I then trained at the English Gardening School as a garden designer and Landscaper, which I continue to do today. I'm married with two teenage boys, and dogs, one of whom 'came' off the Scrubs as a rescue!

### **Jack Perschke**

Jack is a Partner at a large technology consulting firm and lives on the Old Oak Estate with his wife, 3 children and 2 dogs. He's been on the Scrubs almost every day for the last 5 years - using it to train his competition labrador, give his slightly wild whippet a run and to educate and entertain his children. In previous life stages, he's been an army officer, local councillor and parliamentary candidate so he knows about the power of teamwork and local campaigning. As a Trustee he would focus on reducing litter, improving all facilities, enhancing biodiversity and ensuring that, while the Scrubs remains "more wild than tamed", it is also accessible for everyone to enjoy and ambitious about its future.

### **Peter Harms**

I live in White City Estate and have been an active member of the WC Residents Association for the past few years. My children go to school in Ealing and in H&F. I have been an active member elsewhere on Resident's Association committees and also been Chair of an outstanding Local Nursery School and Children's Centre for a number of years so I am familiar with some of the issues involved with liaising with the council and working within committee situations. I was also, while Design and Technology Technician at The Petchey Academy in Hackney, on the school's Health and Safety committee which has helped me to develop a good understanding of such matters within a school and built environment context. I have a BSc(hons) in Architecture which has given me an

understanding of certain planning issues and, of course, I know how to read plans and sections and how to interpret them for others who are not familiar with them. I understand some of the issues and concerns surrounding the LCS and hopefully can assist the community in this regard. I am also familiar with how to approach construction details which can often have a significant albeit underappreciated impact on a design. This comes from my years of experience as a carpenter/joiner, trained in Hamburg, Germany.

I would like to make it clear that I will endeavour to not take sides when it comes to disagreements between different groups within the community. I will endeavour to always let the facts decide and to not let personal bias cloud my role as honest broker. This is not always easy but it it is always a vital endeavour and aim to hold in mind. My main concern with the Scrubs is the ecology and hope to work more, as Trustee, with those who have a greater knowledge than I on such matters.