Paper 1

Report on Play Area by Pete Bishop

I visited play area mid-December. Issues identified were:

1) the gate into the swings had dropped on its hinges

2) bolts securing one of the swing seats to its chains were loose.

Rectified both sets of problems.

I also made some more 'dongers' for the xylophone, but i do need to purchase some chain to secure them to the frame. There is, however, still the issue of safety in respect of strangling-hazard if we go for that. We should probably ask Rospa for their advice as and when they do their visit.

Their inspection last year identified that the main gate into the play area poses risk to fingers as needs to have gap between gate and post. To remedy issue a modified or different catch insert would have to be made or acquired. it needs to be longer. I investigated options for off-the-shelf new longer insert but they all seem to be same length, and too short. Ian Campbell gave me mobile number of someone called John, who has carried out work of the metalwork type for shop, as he would probably be able to assist. i have tried ringing him, no answer, and have more recently left him a text msg asking that he get in touch, with no response. I'd knock something up myself if it was woodwork, but my eqpt for metalwork is rather limited!

I will re-visit play area earlier in the week of the IPC meeting.

Pete

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