Poem

Angiocrine factors: reasons for and against the quitting of smoking

“This regeneration process also restores the physiological respiratory function of the lungs, which is mediated by amplification of various epithelial progenitor cells and regeneration of the alveolar sacs”

— Dr Bi-Sen Ding, Cornell University

Visitation resumes first with the most ardent ornithologists. Loony they pierce, stride right on in, primed by the song of ocular gadgets to a once-blighted habitat that’s chalked up its comeback to a mad cheeping action poker-faced finches go expensively berserk in for twins, those part-refurbished casinos

Then as fireweed spreads, archaeologists unpack, puncturing tedious theories that race to hypothesised town for reasonable milk and sachets of revegetation

Intently. Alveoli. And with a quiver of toothbrushes they’ll catalogue footprints sketch evidence of campfires, and further their cherries lit assumptions of civics Ethics an ecotourist hocks up is next to assume its diaphragm’s welcome in zones where squeezing flamingos is classified. And pinkish, the air a collapsible shovel digs mating calls with grins and a crossbow set to release in folds of waterproof rain that properly breathes and leaves them breathless

Lastly, front handsprings of condo developers bounce in casing out the joint, thinning hints, flipping birds until planting stakes with red flags appraises this opportunity theirs like a gymnast nailing her landing in the Olympic floor exercise. And eventually children of divorcees with biblical names follow in downstairs. A new retro cafe named Obadiah’s will appear and trade in shortbread, baked with an absolute Christload… of butter

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