



Southsea Green Organising Group Mins 11. 04. 2024

Present

Jenni Van Wijk, Goff Gleadle, Beverley Richardson, Zara Baines, Peta Sampson: Secretary

Apologies Steve Baker Chair, Clair Martin

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

In Steve's absence, our thanks to Goff for chairing the meeting.

Matters arising from previous minutes

1. Our aim is to recover personal beds as we work towards a stronger community-led focus.
2. Beverley reported back on the garden sign project. John and team on board along with 2 new volunteers, Kerry and Kim to support inclusiveness. Kerry is making moving birds and butterflies (automata) and Kim sets dried flowers in resin that we can use for signage. The organising group agreed we are happy to allow Kim to keep her flower press at the garden as requested. Beverley will publicise the project and tag in funders.
3. Beverley has reported new volunteer inductions, including safeguarding, are progressing well and following mentor support from Beverley they should be able to open the garden solo shortly. Beverley is available for inductions on Weds from 2-4pm.
4. Zara to update garden opening times now Kerry is opening on Sunday afternoons 2-4.
5. Beverley reported that the website is up-to-date.

Funded Projects

Co-op Fundraising event: Zara reported that the council has received our insurance docs and and risk assessment for the event. Awaiting confirmation of dates. Plans for the recipe cards to be distributed through the coop were agreed and Goff will confirm actual dates for his accompanying talks and collate his growing tips for the recipe cards. The coop wants to send a team down to the garden to work as part of their support for SG. Zara and Goff to liaise about this.

Schedule for Recipe Cards Project:

Each recipe card will have an accompanying talk on how to grow the primary veg ingredient.

Session 1: June recipe to feature carrots

Session 2: August, recipe to feature herbs, thyme, basil.

Session 3: October, recipe to feature squash

Session 4: Early next year, sowing seeds, recipe to feature parsnips.

We are still hoping to recruit some volunteers to take part in a bucket shake at the Albert Road coop and be part of the fundraising event at the Coop on South Parade. Zara to ask Beverley to approach new volunteers as a good way to integrate them into the community

Harbour School awaiting dates for term 2, likely to be scheduled post half term given Goff is away 4-18th May.

Finance

Banking arrangements awaiting login details for online banking. PL Insurance due for renewal in May.

Cabin / Gate repairs, revamp.

Jenni has contacted Little Duck Forge who originally did our gate topper, she established that there is some animosity resulting from the original work and although the owner is not able to be involved some healing has taken place and she has advised us how to proceed. Jenni to follow up on the advice and discuss our requirements with a fabricator.

Jenni continues to work with the two councilors, Peter and Chris on funding and support. Problems identified with the electrics, Peter, councilor, is championing this. Contact to be established with the councilor for Eastney and Craneswater, to get support for CIL funding which can take a long time and could also be held up by elections. Local businesses may be able to support our repairs as discussed in previous meetings.

Systems and Processes

Need articles for blogs on the website, publicity needed to encourage more people to contribute.

Review of our constitution

At this point the meeting was terminated due to google meet timing out but Jenni and Peta were able to login again to discuss updating the constitution.

This was a very productive session and we agreed a way forward. We will set up a working party to examine the document. Jenni and Beverley will sit in this group and Jenni will approach Catt Burland to support us. Additionally, Jenni suggested

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that we recruit a volunteer from outside the org group to give their perspective. We hope to have the skeleton of a revised constitution to present, discuss and amend at the upcoming AGM which needs to take place by 30th June at the latest.

A suitable date is being sourced.

AOB

Date of next meeting to be confirmed