

Southsea Green Community Garden Organising Group Minutes 11/07/2023

In Attendance

Steve Baker Chair, Zara Baines Marketing, Peta Sampson, Sec, Beverley Richardson, General

Apologies :

Jenni Van Wijk, General, Catherine Burland PCC, Goff Gleadle, Head Gardener

- Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.
- Sue Stokes (Founder) has expressed her thanks to the Org group and volunteers for the great work they are doing at the garden and all the great achievements that have been made.
- Funding bids update

Greening Fund Cllr Russell Simpson has taken over overall responsibility for the department allocating funds. He expects us to be awarded funding in the next round.

Coop: Peta has submitted a bid using the recipe card idea as inspiration. Zara has agreed to manage the process if we are successful. News expected in October.

Grow to Give: Further questions from the funder, HIWCF, News expected September. Our bid involves the Asylum Seekers so if successful John will project manage.

1. The Vanquis Group has confirmed that they would like to support our Garden. Luke, from Participate, the organisation that is managing this, has confirmed that he will be bringing a group of 16 volunteers to the garden on the 16th August to work for the day and Moneybarn will supply the materials. They will be working on a chill out area at the rear of the garden. Luke will perform a site visit on 28th of July to discuss plans. Steve is available to attend on both dates and will decorate the gate if we have been able to complete all the repairs. The team from Moneybarn will be working on a chill out area at the rear of the garden.
2. Work on the cabin is progressing really well, Jenni has written a detailed update for facebook. The furniture has been stored in the Canoe Lake Cafe storage space but needs to be removed by 21st July. John and his team are working on the repairs and we are hoping that Toraj has recovered from his injury and can continue his work this week. Zara has volunteered to ring some merchants for materials.
3. Terry has donated materials to repair the gate as he is too busy to do the repairs himself. He has written us instructions for repair. We are hoping that one of John's team will be able to make the repair so it can be painted ready for Steve to artify.
4. It was agreed that we will hold a relaxed chill-out session at the garden on 29th July as Jenni has booked some guitar players. This will replace the summer Fete. The group are checking diaries.
5. Jenni reported on Cllr Chris Atward's visit to the garden which went very well. There are some possible funds that we can apply to for support for the cabin

and gate. We have received a donation (swear jar) from Anita Stepnitz, Jenni has counted this and it's around £70 which she will change into notes and deposit in the SG account. This could be used towards the cabin renovations.

6. Jenni proposed that following the new volunteering process implementation we have two streams of volunteers so to ensure consistency of knowledge her proposal was that all volunteers should be invited to take the new programme. All agreed this was a good way forward. As a first stage, Zara will post on the private FB page inviting people to register on the website if they want to remain involved. Those who do not register will be removed after an appropriate time has elapsed, this will 'clean' the list of volunteers, many of whom seem to have limited engagement with the garden.
7. We have been invited to take part in the 60+ Festival again this year. Date to be arranged first 2 weeks October. Jenni's proposal to link with her CWA group was warmly received. An outline plan for the event was discussed with the following structure.
 - Some sort of craft or doodle event delivered in the garden
 - Trike tours around Canoe Lake
 - Garden tours and cake/tea
8. Jenni reported that she has linked Laura and Andy Ames re pond care. Steve said Andy plans to go to the garden in the next few days.
9. Jenni enquired whether anyone had been in touch with Tom and knew why he had left the garden. Steve did reach out to Tom but there has been no response. Beverley reported that Tom was volunteering with a group doing Nature Walks.
10. Zara has updated our Hive listing.
11. Beverley has some updates to the website which she will email to us. This involved some changes implemented as a result of feedback on the onboarding process from new volunteers. Beverley suggested a spreadsheet to be available online for volunteers to access re their availability to open the garden. Safeguarding training went well. Thank you Beverley.

Next meeting: Wednesday afternoon in August tbc.

<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>
1. Vanquis group plans	Steve/Peta
2. Cabin 3. Gate	Jenni/John & team
4. Event 29th July	Jenni, Peta and all
6. Merge volunteers	Zara
7. 60+	All
11. Updates to website	Beverley

