

Southsea Green Community Garden Organising Group Minutes 07/06/2023

In Attendance Steve Baker Chair, Zara Baines Marketing, Peta Sampson, Secretary, Beverley Richardson, General, Goff Gleadle, Head Gardener

Apologies Jenni Van Wijk, General, Catherine Burland PCC

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

1) Funding bids update

Greening Fund, Zoe @ PCC has left and a replacement has been appointed. Awaiting news of funding opportunities.

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. News expected Sept/Oct.

- 2) Work on the cabin is progressing. John and his team are working on it. The beds have been repaired.
- 3) Lease discussion confirms that we are able to hold workshops led by crafters with caution. Zara is leading this initiative.
- 4) Summer Fete, still awaiting news from PCC, if confirmation not forthcoming in a timely manner Steve suggested we go ahead and restrict activities to our garden area,
- 5) Steve will paint the gate with leaves for sponsorship to raise funds.
- 6) Still looking for a volunteer administrator. Zara reported that the new system was working well. Beverley has had a busy time doing inductions and mentoring and we have 3 new volunteers ready to fly solo and as a result the garden will be open on Mondays 9-11 and Wednesdays 2-4. Goff will join Monday sessions to support the new arrivals in their activities and one of the new volunteers will also be at the Wednesday session so can provide continuity. System discussed to inform Zara if the new volunteers are unable to open up.
- 7) Banking, no changes at present.
- 8) Agreed everyone will continue to gently promote the Lottery.
- 9) Actions from the AGM discussed

Links to be established with Waterfront Garden Centre

Discussion with Urban sketchers

Project beds to be labeled.

The listed wall may need repair, consultation with PCC required.

Awaiting outcome from the team at Vanquis to see if we have been selected to receive their garden makeover.

Insurance renewal is done and we are covered until May 2024.

Crowdfunder for Gate to be arranged.

Strategically, we need to decide the direction of the organisation e.g. CIC or Charity. Further discussion needed.

AOB

Beverley suggested we label plants with names and on the reverse have a QR code to link to the RHS page to make the experience more interactive and informative. Beverley will begin the process with the volunteers on Saturday at the monthly get-together meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th July @ 2pm @garden