

Lower Walkley Community Garden meeting minutes.

Monday 17th February 2014 7.30pm

People present:

Mike Hutchinson, Lori Kitchin, Pete West, Ken Dorning, Anna Clark.

No apologies.

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Discussions:

- The group have not spoken to Dan from WBAS yet about using 2 of the plots for an orchard, a response is still needed about grant money which has been applied for from Walkley community fund; there is also a need to clarify with Ceri (from the council) about which plots the group wants to use, the group were originally offered plots which the council have now refused to let the group use.
- The sycamore has been cut back **a bit**, Mike can cut down **some** higher branches; the privet needs to be cut back by mid-March before birds start nesting.
- There have been 2 responses to the email sent out to the mailing list.
- Two students have given seeds and membership money to plant vegetables for the world's biggest vegetable soup project, it was suggested that the group could offer the garden as a venue to make the soup at.
- Pete wants a plot, Sally and Dexter want a plot, Mike wants an area to grow corn and clover, Lori will be in charge of the **Mandala** garden, planning to make it larger, maybe put a double circle in the middle and maybe an archway. Ken has suggested a rhubarb patch, **maybe within** in plot 1. Pete has some blueberry plants that need raised beds to grow in.
- Mike has not done the drawing as it does not seem worthwhile to do at the moment. Ken's plan which was done a while ago can be used for the AGM.
- It was suggested that Steve could be asked to get the metal which is on site, weighed and sold.
- More gravel and **possibly more** sand is needed to put the rest of the path down
- The group needs to hold it's AGM, 14 days notice needs to be given and it has to be advertised in 5 public places, the accounts need to be given at the AGM.
- It was decided to hold the AGM on Monday 24th March at 7.30pm at Hillsborough Hotel, AGM business should be carried out first, then **a separate meeting** can be held so that more general discussion can take place.
- The group needs to look at financial planning for the next year, ideas to raise funds were suggested; putting on courses and asking for a donation, putting on a race night.
- Distribution of produce needs to be sorted out, it was suggested that a sign could be put up on the street to tell people to help themselves and have an honesty box for donations, encourage people to have a vegetable box which they pick themselves.
- Mike would like to get a cafe going on site, making soup etc.
- The group needs to sort out the discount for rent.
- There should be enough money in the bank account to pay for rent and insurance.
- Next work day will be held on Sunday 2nd March from 10 am.

Actions:

- Mike needs to chase up grant money response.
- Ken to make a map of statutory and non-statutory plots to send to Ceri for clarification of the plots which the group are asking to use.
- Pete to get in touch with Steve to see if he can sell the metal which is on site.
- Anna to email work day details to everyone.
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- The group needs to make posters and advertise the AGM in 5 different public places.
- Mike to get in touch with Ceri to see what is needed to get a discount on the rent.