

Minutes of Edible Landscapes London AGM 7th Feb 2014

Present: Jo/Gemma H/Patrick/Richard/Jane/Vanessa/Alex/Laura

Apologies: Hannah/Poppy/Sam

COMPOSTING IN FINSBURY PARK

Finsbury Park has a managed composting area that is not fully functioning. Haringey parks operations person Lewis keen to make more of it.

Proposal to get TCV interested in running a monthly green gym to turn compost with ELL people supporting this.

ACTION: Vanessa & Alex to contact TCV and see if they are interested.

STAKEHOLDER GROUP FINSBURY PARK

Group made up of key park users only (not a friends of group) has met once.

Outcome is they have access to the notice boards so ELL & PACT information is now posted.

ACTION: Jo to attend a Haringey wide quarterly meeting of all parks stakeholders groups at Bruce Castle to discuss present and future uses for parks.

Agreed good networking opportunity.

CORPORATE GIVING – TESCO

10 volunteers from Tesco coming Friday 21 Feb to help build the new lockable tool shed & dig holes for fence posts.

Tesco contributing £50

ELL people on the day currently – Nicky/Arshad/Richard G/Keith (TCV)/Jane

ACTION: Jane has some good reclaimed timber to contribute Jo to confirm needs

LAND GATHERING

ELL is now an official Land site.

Jo attending Land gathering in Manchester 22 Feb

ACTION: ELL will need to be more explicit in the future about permaculture activities in their publications etc.

NEW ELL DIRECTOR

Richard Vials to become a new director making a total of 8.

Current directors are: Jo/Poppy/Gemma H/Hannah/Sam/Patrick/Jane

TRAINING (Adults)

2nd Forest Gardening course starts March 4th for 15 weeks. Runs on Tuesdays from 10 – 3pm.

12 people have potentially signed up, only one person from Pact area so far.

PACT have advertised but the feeling is that potential people aren't ready to commit yet to something this long or involved.

TRAINING (Children)

Starting Monday 24 Feb working with year 7 & 8 students from Skinners Academy getting them to help build the pond.

Working with A level geography students from Our Lady's Convent High School looking at deciduous trees. Arrangements for this to be finalised

ACTION: Alex would like to be involved with this work – Jo to keep him in the loop.

FOREST GARDENING DEBATE/CONVERSATION/OPEN DISCUSSION

The role of forest gardening in food production is being keenly debated on various forums, which provoked a little debate at the AGM. Agreed that maybe it would be a good thing to have an open discussion around the issues hosted by ELL for local food growers etc.

ACTION: Jo/Jane/Alex to work out what could be organised. Jo to ask Hannah if she would help out as it would probably be of interest to her.

THE SITE

Haringey have confirmed that they will not renew MHT lease in July 2014 as they want the site for themselves.

Jo has spoken with Simon Farrow who works for the parks dept at Haringey and is leading on the future of the Green Routes site

As yet he has not been clear about what they will use the site for but has indicated that ELL could be a part of the discussion about future uses.

There will be a stakeholders meeting sometime soon which it was agreed that as many ELL people as possible should go to.

ACTION: Jo to keep us all posted on progress and meeting dates.

FOOD FROM THE SKY

The project needs to temporarily relocate as work to the roof of Budgens needs to be done.

Suggested that the ELL site might be a suitable place for relocation.

Agreed it would be good to have Azul's expertise on hand re ELL and future opportunities with Haringey.

ACTION: Jo to keep us all posted on progress.

DRAFT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH MHT

The agreement runs from Sept 2013 – July 2014.

The agreement was reviewed and the following clarified by Jo and/or agreed:

- (item 4.1) £1500 to be paid (funded by lottery money)
- (4.2) Completed
- (4.3) Offer 2 x ½ days
- (4.4) Richard will separate out ELL tea & coffee stuff and label
- (4.5) okay
- (4.6) Jo to provide map of site showing area used as appendix
- (4.7) Amend to “ Provide up to 5 volunteers.....”
- (4.8) Jane to make monitoring form for keeping in Ell green house. Filling in by volunteers and visitors optional.
- (13 & 14) Jo to query the need for professional Indemnity Insurance over and above public liability insurances. Jane suggested that she raise it with Sue Louise who may be able to offer help on where to get reliable advice. The cost of PII could be very high and unaffordable.