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MINUTES

Wednesday, 1st September 2021 / 7.30pm

**7.30 pm WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

ATTENDEES: Sherry, Sarah, Hannah, Nick, Chris, Hannah, Andrea

APOLOGIES: Alex, Anna L, Anna S, Kate, Kathy, Ken, Linda, Sarah GH, Victoria

**7.40-8.30 pm (50 mins) FOCUS ON TTH PROJECTS**

**GARDEN**

* very few volunteers showing up at the two sessions. The Tuesday night session is now pointless as it’s getting dark quickly
  + Tuesday session to be moved to 5-7. Sarah to update the website
  + Sunday session to stay 3.30-5.30
  + there are lots of volunteers, but they need coordinating
* Still quite a lot of budget left – mostly 2.5k that should be spent soon. .5k with lower priority
* Suggestion to cut down the flowers in October, and replace them with perennial bulbs
  + This can be our second event
  + Could be related to a presentation of the Garden Town 🡺 Sherry to follow up with Julia
  + Can be related to COP 26

A separate meeting to be organised to discuss this

* Can we find some more sites where we could guerrilla plant more flowers ?
  + - Church Road
    - Archery Road

**JUMBLE TRAIL**

The funds need to be spent by the end of September:

* Can we spend the funds now and do the event on the 13th of November
* To be branded as an SOS event ?
* Rather than doing it in people’s gardens, we will do it in a few spots (church halls)
* Possible locations
  + St John’s hall: 🡺 Ursula to check in with Father David
  + Christ Church 🡺 Sherry to check in
  + Common Room
  + Retro Vintage
  + West Street
  + The Source
  + Printworks 🡺 Ursula to ask Lorna
  + West Hill Community Centre 🡺 Sarah to ask Linda Jeal
  + Afri-Co-Lab
  + Isabel Blackman Centre ?
* We can link it to COP 26
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**COMMUNITY COMPOSTING**

Currently about 20 members, maximum is 30

Next steps – finding more sites

* There is a separate fundraising group for that

Possible sites:

* Station Garden as the next priority 🡺 Ursula to follow up
* Warrior Square
* Cornwallis Garden

**GREEN DRINKS**

* Scott and Anna to be involved again 🡺 Ursula to liaise with them
* Next location should be the Old Bathing Pool site (with Marina Fountain as back up)
  + Common Room as an alternative
* Next date: 15th September

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

* No feedback from the station staff
* Let’s go ahead then
  + Andrea to email Ken
  + Andrea to forward Sherry the drawing
  + Sherry to ask Sally Walton from the Wood Recycling Project
* Ultimate deadline to completion: end of October

**COMMON ROOM**

* To be inaugurated on the 10th September from 1pm
* All the TTH meetings can now happen here 🡺 Sherry to book the slots
* It could be used for the Clean Sea citizen’s assembly

**ECO HUB**

* It can be located in the Common Room for the next 6months, as a pilot
  + Funds to be spent before the end of the year
  + After the first 6 months we will consider whether it needs a dedicated space. For now looking for spaces can be put on hold
* It would need a notice board explaining what the Eco Hub is and where it is going

Separate meeting is happening on Thursday mornings

**AOB**

* Hannah has been working around the NCS project, and more broadly on reviving the Plastic Free Hastings initiative
* The Heard of Hastings membership is now only £1 (application on their website)

**UPDATE FROM SARAH GH**

**Rocket Playground Community Garden Hollington**

* James Robinson of Surviving the Streets is doing weekly clearing of the space (Tuesday mornings) to prepare it for planting and building
* Still sorting funding bids

**St Andrews Mkt**

* Putting a design together with help of Julia Hilton, Judy Clark and Anna Locke
* Will doorknock people on Queens Road without gardens to offer involvement alongside St Andrew's Square Resident Association. Judy Rogers has apparently contacted the Residents Assoc but haven't heard any more from her. Claire Carr said she would give her a prod. If anyone else has the associations contact details, it would be good as they may have their own ideas for the space.

**Living bus stop roof**

Speaking to Paul Barnett, Ruby Cox and Maya Evans about trialling a living bus stop roof.

Anna Sabin and Andy Phillips met with the Priory Meadow chain managers. Have to ask Anna for the update on that as I can't recall but I think it is tied up with overall funding for Hastings.....Anna?

**Sew a Civilian at Stella Dore Gallery this Sunday 5th September 11-4.**

* Making life-sized puppets to take up to London 14th September to lay outside the Arms Fair.
* I've just been given some funding by Stop the Arms Fair so can cover travel and food costs for anyone who would like to come up.

**8.30-9.00pm TTH ORGANISATION AND COMMS**

**Group status**

* Governance & sustainability:
  + Sherry spoke to HVA – they recommended that we shouldn’t bother changing the status, unless we need to employ anyone. We remain personally liable, but not for large amounts

**Finance**

* Mid-year update 🡺 Chris to update the situation with the amounts available in each “project pot” by the end of September, and to upload it into DropBox (the latest is from June 30th)
* Bank account names 🡺 Chris to send the link to Kate and Andrea, for submission by Tuesday next week
* Tesco grant: no need to apply, we have enough funding at the moment
  + Composting group to look at it

**Communications**

* Next newsletter / content development
  + Common Room /
    - Community Hub
    - Library of Things
  + Woodland Gathering
  + Green Drinks
  + Community Garden
* Website / content development
  + Sarah can update it with the ongoing projects / news
* Instagram: Hannah to set up a community garden account

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th October