

# Meeting of St Ives Community Orchard and Nature Reserve Community Group 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016

## **Attendees:**

Elise Langley  
Senara Hodges  
Duwayne Langley  
Mattie Poachee  
Gill Scott Anderson  
Mira Chandrakar

## **Apologies:**

Rupert Manley  
Noah Hall  
Colin Wray  
AJ  
Jake Corin

### **1. Review of minutes 31 March**

Review and adoption of minutes from 31 March 2016

### **2. Apologies** noted and contact details for future communications captured

### **3. Lease Update:**

EL updated the group on the latest position. The group reviewed the final breakdown of costs for the lease and invoice from Cornwall Council (CC) Legal department – Cost: £550.

Decisions recorded as follows:

- The group decided to have a smaller tool and storage shed rather than a container sized storage to expedite the lease arrangements
- The lease has been informally reviewed by a local solicitor
- The lease has been reviewed by the group and will be signed in front of a commissioner of oaths

### **4. Insurance:**

EL has investigated some insurance options, the best quote is from Zurich for £83.00 per annum and is also used by the adjacent Steeple woods community group. The group would like the option to have bonfires on the land but this appears impose to be a restrictive clause.

Group agreed that it was worth investigating and in the meantime we can carry on to be covered by Steeple woods.

EL to notify the neighborhood plan office that the lease is now in place.

DBS checks to be investigated and costed (GSA) as a necessity for insurance.  
H&S risk assessment to be carried out by DL for insurance purposes  
SH To source insurance

## **5. Tool Shed**

The group discussed toolshed options. DL has recommended a recycled refrigeration unit on a plinth that can be locked down. The other option is a metal shed

DL to investigate with his contact the refrigeration unit option.

SH offered to place an advert in the St Ives Times and Echo to see if anyone has tools or a container to donate (SH)

## **6. Working Party update:**

Working parties took place on Wednesday each week between 6 and 8pm through the summer months, other members like Mattie have gone outside this when convenient. We have paid for some extra strimming in the orchard which has helped get the brambles under control quite a bit.

Jake who is a landscape gardener has been helping out and he has offered to design a map layout of the site.

The group will be donated a petrol scythe shortly which will make a significant difference.

AJ has offered to plant wildflowers and Jake organized a local tree surgeon to donate mulch which was spread around the trees.

Duke of Edinburgh students are helping out 2 hours every other week.

Overall, it has been a good summer of volunteering and gaining support.

At the end of summer working parties will continue on a Wed evening from 4 – 6.30.

## **7. Funding:**

The £1000 that we received from the St Ives Town Council will mostly be used for the lease and for insurance.

A Tesco grant application has been completed and submitted and the group will hear by the end of August if it has been successful in being nominated. The value of the award is between £8000 and £12,000

The group will make a bid to the Town council community planting fund for up to £1000 to purchase additional fruit trees. SH will email Tamsyn Williams about this.

## **8. Advertising/Website**

An on line survey has been produced and EL will email more people in the autumn to get more replies as this helps with funding applications. Numerous posters have been put around town and in shops, articles have gone to the paper and the facebook page is updated regularly.

A website will be developed for the orchard when funding is available.

## **9. First aid**

GSA to investigate cost of St Johns courses

Mira to source a first aid box for the orchard, although we do always have a first aid box with us at our work parties.

**Any other business**

- Open day will be held in October, date tbc
- Date of next meeting tbc.

**Actions**

1. EL to notify the neighborhood plan office that the lease is now in place.
2. DBS checks to be investigated and costed (GSA)
3. H&S risk assessment to be carried out by DL for insurance purposes
4. SW To source insurance
5. DL to investigate with his contact the refrigeration unit option.
6. SH offered to send an article to the St Ives Times and Echo to see if anyone has tools or a container to donate (SH)
7. SH will email Tamsyn Williams about tree planting grant
8. Update of Tesco application to the group (EL)
9. GSA to investigate cost of St Johns courses
10. Mira to source a first aid box
11. Date of bonfire and open day to be circulated (EL)