

St Ives Community Orchard meeting

18 January 2018

Café Art, the Drill Hall

Attendees: Elise Langley (Treasurer) Senara Wilson Hodges (Chair), Jay Dunstan, Mattee Poachee, Mel Frankell, Gill Scott Anderson, Duwayne Langley

Apologies: Georgia Barker

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Review of the minutes of the AGM
Minutes reviewed and approved as accurate
3. Banking:
Elise Langley (treasurer) updated the group that there was a need for a debit card as it is useful because it is taken by many places, secure and provides a record of spend (unlike cash) Mel proposed that financial controls are introduced i.e.
EL up to £50.00
Over £50.00: Treasurer/Senara Hodges/Mel Frankell) GSA as deputy.
Approvers should be notified of the balance on the account before spend can be authorised. It was proposed that there was built in a 6 Monthly reconciliation and review of balances by the group.
Proposed by MP
Seconded by JD
EL to make arrangements and get forms signed
4. The Wassail: the wassail arrangements were discussed. Cider will be purchased from the St Ives Cider Company and donations taken. Pizza will be sold.
5. Tesco Grant: Spend to be catalogued and submitted by 23 January 2018
6. Town Council Grant: to be spent on trees. A quote has been obtained for maiden trees from Cornish Garden Nurseries for £409.00. A second quote is to be obtained from a local supplier. The town council application will require a breakdown of costs including: toilet, heavy duty mower, scaffold for trees, weed control fabric, a water butt. £400 Planting fund and £600 town council grant to be applied for.
7. Tree adoption: The tree adoption scheme is working well. There were 4 adoptions in December 2017 and 1 memorial tree in January. There was a discussion about whether to allow plaques on memorial trees but it was agreed that it was not in keeping with the Orchard.
8. Grow wild – Kew gardens: A grant application for £4,000 is due to be submitted. It contains links with the September festival, ideas for a pollination party and film. Ideas include an educational area for school parties. Application to be made by 15.01
9. Thanks to Duwayne: The chair thanked Duwayne for the amazing shed that he has constructed for tool storage and shelter from the elements. It will have a living roof which will be added in the spring.
10. First aid Training; the group have been offered free first aid training from the Nursery manager.
Meeting closed at 8.30pm