

Agenda for Sunday 22 July at 1 pm, Nightingale Garden

There is a lot on this list – we **have highlighted** the most important or urgent parts to discuss as a group – and not the activities we could defer to a September meeting.

Chairs: Bob (& Justin).

Minutes: Rebecca

1. **Welcome** – especially to new members: Becky, Diana, Lois...
2. **Apologies:** Kate C; Jenny I;
3. **Minutes from the last meeting:** to agree. Any changes needed?
4. **Updates from the first meeting:**
 - a. **Bank account and things:** finances (Julian);
 - b. **Insurance:** Rebecca needs to get estimate (will need when shed is installed in September);
 - c. **Draft constitution** – any comments? (see webpage).
5. **Membership:** we have 26 members (and about 20 of them have wielded a gardening tool at some point). There are a few 'regulars' we would still like to invite, they just haven't been around when we have had membership forms available for signing. There are also two members for whom we don't have a working e-mail. Rebecca to transfer hard copy membership file to Keith.
6. **Fundraising and donations:**
 - a. **Second-hand wooden bench** (offered on 19/7/18; expected 20/7/18) – where to put it and shall we paint it?
 - b. **Garden hose on reel** – 50m (promised by e-mail on 19/7/18);
7. **Recent events:**
 - a. **Bring and share lunch** (24 June);
 - b. **Cubs in the garden – with RHS** (9 & 10 July). They might come back in the Autumn or on a weekend daytime.
8. **Things/activities recently (almost) completed:**
 - a. **Horse** (just needs varnish);
 - b. **Dome** (just needs a door and painting);
 - c. **Kim the MSc student** (in July);
9. **Things coming up:**
 - a. **New shed** (ordered 16/7/18; expected Sept 2018) – draft plan for it (ask Rebecca); when we know the installation date, we could organise some extra working parties to kit it out. Guy confirmed we can have wheelie bin water butts collecting from over all of the roof.
 - b. **New noticeboard** (chased again 16/7/18);
 - c. **Green-roofed veranda** (expected Spring 2019) – see notes of meeting on 16/7/18;
 - d. **Bike racks** ('any time now');
 - e. **Wood store** (wood purchased 14/7/18) – can start making it.
10. **Suggestions for future:**

All paperwork is on: <http://www.nightingalegarden.org.uk/gardening/> (saves a lot of printing)

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- a. **Pole lathe** (Kate);
- b. **Compost toilet** (Jane) – reserving space in shed, just in case.
- c. **Signs** (Julian, Izabela, Becky, Bob) – looked at cost of exterior ply;
- d. **Workshops** (Becky, Lois) – lots of good ideas!
- e. **Cob oven etc** (Rebecca) – after veranda, probably.
- f. **More fruit bushes** (Caroline) – maybe dig out in Autumn?
- g. **More social media** (Becky) – Instagram/twitter #nightingalegarden @nightingalegardeners (Rebecca e-mail and phone).

11. Potential partnerships and enquiries coming in to garden e-mail/Secretary:

- a. **Maggie's** (via Andrea - Brass band tea, other fundraising);
- b. **Botanic Garden** (via Sandie – coming on 30 July – help, hub etc);
- c. **Sancton Wood school kids** (wanted to come during sessions – have suggested other times);
- d. **'David' work experience** (haven't heard back);
- e. **Memorial rose** (haven't heard back);
- f. **Wulfstan Way gardeners**: water supply, Pebble Fund (Rebecca).

12. Forthcoming events:

- a. Sunday 19 August: **Abundance in the garden** – spare produce and preserves. Easy to do. Can have collection for the Group.
- b. **Cancelled**: Friday 31 August: **Bat walk in the evening** (and overnight moth trap).
- c. **Cancelled**: Friday Saturday 1 September: **Moths in the garden**.
- d. Monday 27 August (bank holiday) – we could invite people for tea or just have a usual session? **TO DECIDE**
- e. Sunday 2 September: **Brass band in the park** – it is at the same time as the garden session – we could do teas again, including in collaboration with Maggie's? **TO DECIDE**
- f. Saturday 8 September: **Queen Edith's Share Fair and Skip Day** at Wulfstan Way shops – looking for lots volunteers to come along and help!
- g. Saturday 1 December: **Tree Dressing Day at Wulfstan Way**: solar lights, yarn-bombing or anything else!

13. Any other business:

- a. **Watering**. Thanks to everyone who has been doing this. Happy to carry on as before, or do we need a rota?

14. **Date of next meeting**: maybe Sunday 16 September, 1pm?