

Chair: Bob and/or Justin

Notes: Rebecca

1. Welcome and apologies:

2. Minutes from the last meeting (on website): to agree. Any changes needed?

3. Finances and fundraising:

- a. **Bank account etc:** Treasurer's report from Julian. Expect £1500 grant for polytunnel, which will pay for the tunnel and some fitting out. We invested in a new airpot. Need to purchase some tanalised wood for edging – and insurance in September.
- b. **Possible new spending ideas:** insulation and boarding for the inside of the club hut, if we can't pay for it with money left in the S106 veranda grant.

4. Membership and Tempo time credits. The time credit scheme has been re-funded. There is a party on Saturday 2 May at Brownsfield Community Centre if anyone wants to go along/to help. Let Tempo know.

5. Updates on larger projects:

- a. **Green roof veranda and club hut renewal:** in progress. We seem to be managing without power.
 - We propose to paint the window and door frames a light green-blue colour.
 - Rebecca/Jill to make some thin block-printed curtains/blinds for the door.
 - Rebecca/Julian to finish making some mosaic-topped tables for washing up and kettles. Review other storage needs.
 - Need to make a small ramp up to the club-hut side door.
- b. **Tool shed:** to review lighting needs.
- c. **Polytunnel:** to order asap (funding got delayed) for construction asap.
- d. **Improved path to the garden.** No news yet.
- e. **Pavilion being demolished:** scheduled for demolition in April for re-opening in October 2020.
- f. **Policies and procedures:** we have a new 'Health and Safety' and also an 'Equal Opps' one.
- g. **New planting and related:**
 1. 'Clare's' Winter-flowering cherry, from Council, planted 3 March 2020. Rebecca has plotted all our trees onto the Curio.xyz website.
 2. Lois working on two (maybe three) new pollinator-friendly beds. Julian will edge them with tanalised wood.
 3. Lots of digging out of clinker. Clinker to be used for the new green roof. More edging to be added to the dug-out narrow beds. Need to re-make some wigwams.
 4. We have new rhubarb beds and the old one is now doing well (and also has Jerusalem artichokes). Extended raspberry bed.
 5. Julian to make a netted frame for at least one raised bed to help us grow produce protected from pigeons.
 6. Rebecca is growing lots of seedlings; hopefully, to grow-on in the polytunnel.

6. Decisions to make:

- a. **Any ideas for new features and planting?**

Agenda for Sunday 8 March 2020 at 4 pm, Nightingale Garden

- b. **Outdoor cooking area** – would we like one? Likely to be a call soon for S106 applications.
- c. **Impact of and response to coronavirus.** Rebecca is following the news and looking for advice; e.g. Incredible Edible Bristol are asking people to bring their own mug and gloves to gardening sessions.
 - 1. Do we want to continue to have twice weekly sessions as now? If so, how should we reduce risks of infection? Propose to wash our existing gloves, encourage people to bring their own gloves and have some for people to buy from us and label with their own names.
 - 2. Should we decide now to not organise events in the next few months that are likely to attract large groups? There will be no pavilion loos or power to the club hut from April to October.
 - 3. Any other ideas on how to reduce risks but retain the benefits of the garden and gardening?
- d. **Workshops:** Jill, Lois and Rebecca have been doing a little thinking about easy activities in the garden for small groups, including in our new covered areas. It will be easier to plan when the building work and polytunnel are completed. For example:
 - 1. Block printing and stamping onto fabric and paper;
 - 2. Natural dyeing of fabric;
 - 3. Tree grafting;
 - 4. Propagation by cuttings...

7. **Dates/events in 2020:**

- a. **Saturday 21 March:** we thought we might meet at the Fitzwilliam Museum to see their 'Feast & Fast' food exhibition. Keith recommended it. Let Rebecca know...
- b. **Sunday 12 April:** we could do something 'a bit Easter' within the usual garden session.
- c. **Monday 13 April (Easter Monday):** no session.
- d. **Monday 27 April:** RHS outreach staff plan to visit us. TBC.
- e. **Sunday 10 May 2020 at 4pm.** Gardeners' Group AGM.
- f. **Thursday 14 May at 2 pm:** Cambridge Garden Club (they meet at St John's) to visit Nightingale.
- g. **Monday 25 May (bank holiday):** no session.
- h. **Sunday 7 June and Monday 8 June:** no sessions (Rebecca and Julian are not available).
- i. **Friday 19 June, evening:** maybe have a Jo Cox Get Together. But no loos or power and worry about coronavirus (see above).
- j. **Sunday 21 June:** no session (Rebecca and Julian are not available).
- k. **Sunday 5 July:** no session (Rebecca and Julian are not available).
- l. **Sunday 23 August:** Jazz/Brass Band in the Park.
- m. **Monday 31 August (bank holiday):** no session.
- n. **Sunday 20 September 2020 at 4pm.** Autumn Gardeners' Group meeting.
- o. **Sunday 29 November:** last session of the year. To re-open in mid-January 2021.

8. **Any other business**