

# 18 January, 2010 Minutes

Present: David, Laura, Jon, Celia, Jim R, Allen, Jim B, Nicole, Luke, Ben, with Sarah Sands (Groundwork Southwark)

## Funding Priorities-

Having prioritised three projects, Sarah ran through the potential funding sources for each and a vote was taken, which decided to prioritise community gardening. Note of the reasons and next steps for each shown below:

Project	Potential funder	Notes	Next steps
Hedge extension/ tree planting	London tree and woodland grant scheme	Opens 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2010 for a month, valid for bids of £500-£5,000. Administered by Groundwork London for Forestry Commission. Probably covers hedges too, needs confirmation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep alert for bid submission date</li> <li>- Monitor "hedge fund" opportunities (i.e. find members of Woodland Trust to bid for us?)</li> </ul>
Green Gym (examples to be visited in Peckham Rye, Greenwich, Archbishop's Park, Horn Park Eltham)	Community Spaces fund	<p>This fund has previously funded green gyms, requirements include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) two forms of consultation with local community - which lead to</li> <li>b) a clear statement of need based on increasing access to exercise opportunities, esp. free, and linked to opportunities (or lack of) in local area</li> </ul> <p>Form is relatively simple, but demonstrating need, consultation and monitoring is critical. Fund open for 18 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review potential locations (if any) once the Playbuilder equipment is in place</li> <li>- Explore with manufacturers whether we can get a "demo" in place in situ to assess response</li> <li>- Try to access adults to consult - perhaps via T&amp;RAs.</li> </ul>
Community Gardening	Awards for All (Lottery)	<p>Fund will pay for tools and storage (but only capital). Bid limit should cover any needs Fund open for foreseeable future Can cover "planting-related" hard landscaping too</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on this first</li> <li>- Identify tools required</li> <li>- Identify options for storage</li> <li>- Develop schedule of events where we'll use the equipment</li> </ul>

## ACTION:

Jim B and Jon to contact Browning EMB to establish whether we could rent a pram shed or cycle locker to store equipment (and marquees)

All to visit one of the green gym locations and report back!

Emma: to identify potential suppliers and discuss whether a "trial" could be implemented (perhaps on an event day) to get feedback – or could be done in market as a FoNRP stall?

All to respond with a list of suggested tools/equipment and their use by next meeting as well as any "hard landscaping" suggestions – and possible manufacturers (middle to high end quality to be durable given extent of rubble under soil)

Jim B to, when we have a clearer view of what we are bidding for, contact Browning EMB to ask whether they could write a letter of support for us for the community gardening project

Next meeting would involve a first stage workshop to be led by Sarah to develop the Awards for All bid.

#### Interpretation Boards-

Agreed that we needed

- a) to get on with it – subgroup of Luke and Jim R established to develop text and words
- b) to have at least one more display cabinet for changeable displays
- c) to have a fixed lowish (perhaps wooden) board for the Orchard to say what the Orchard is, and what's in it (probably located near the stepping stones)
- d) to have a fixed lowish (perhaps sturdier) board at 45 degree angle for the meadow to say what the Orchard is, what's in it, located on the summit facing the meadow

**ACTION:** Luke and Jim R to get on with drafting, working out types and speaking to Andrea at Southwark to get going.

#### London Orchard Project-

Was helpful in teaching about pruning regimes and care.

Noted next event is planting the 10 fruit trees on 6th February.

#### AOB-

East St Market – need to follow up on cleaning.

**ACTION:** Emma to speak to Matt Steele about getting special market area cleaning into the contract again

#### Next meeting-

Agreed for 8th Feb to start drafting – however noted after the meeting that this clashes with WCC, so will confirm shortly.

#### Next work day-

30th January, 10-1300 in park