

29 March, 2010 Minutes

Attendees:

Laura, David, Celia, Emma, Jim and Stephanie, Tom, Jim R, Allen, Nicole & Jim B, Luke, Sarah

Community Gardening funding bid

Sarah ran through inputs to funding bid, to provide materials for activities for 20-30 at one time. A total bid shouldn't exceed £5k-£7k. Thanks to Jim and Nicole Beedell, Jim R, Celia and Allen for inputs to date.

Additional ideas for bid/funding included

- Bat boxes and bat survey
- "Recipes" – simple ideas for school-based activities in the park (perhaps including designated areas for gardening)
- Website design
- Getting training from Federation of City Farms and Gardens
- Pots for growing simple fruit or veg at home
- Organising basic gardening courses – discuss with Walworth Garden Farm whether we can work with them to find candidates for NVQ1 courses, particular focus on 16-19yr olds.

Actions

- **All:** to identify 10+ people we could contact to get involved
- **Laura** to think about website/ arts council link and circulate to Sarah
- **Luke** to dig out and send Eloise's consultation results to Sarah
- **Celia** to identify contacts at Walworth Garden Farm (Mark Gibbons+1)
- **Sarah** to speak with Walworth Garden Farm re NVQ All: review London Wildlife Trust, RHS, Natural England, BBC Springwatch to identify ideas for "recipe" cards
- **Jim R** and **Jon** to finalise tools and equipment list and send to Sarah
- **Allen** to forward bank details to Sarah
- **Sarah** to update draft bid and circulate w/c 19th April for comment and finalisation at 26th April meeting

Outstanding issues

- Safeguarding: one person only required, but to be clarified

8th May event

Line up so far:

- Dance performance from dance school on Larcom St (Luke and Emma to meet Susan to discuss)
- Play Services attending with Bouncy Castle, Facepainter, Badge maker etc
- Green Gym co providing two pieces of equipment as demonstration for consultation

Action

- **All:** to think of a game(s) that could be organised using a specific part of the Playbuilder equipment and circulate/bring to next meeting
- **All:** to think of ways to publicise the Play Ranger supervised play sessions to be held every Weds pm following the event over the summer

Discussion/feedback on Playbuilder works to date

Lack of notices saying what's going on was noted – only one tiny map and notice on one side

of the railings.

Action:

- **Laura and Luke** to use one or more of the BBC banners (reverse side) to paint/mark on a larger size notice, perhaps also mentioning that the tree stumps are made out of the Brandon Street Plane Trees that we couldn't save.

Progress on CGS interpretation boards

Budget remaining £4,000 for boards and design.

Jim R has kindly agreed to pull the designs together with friend at Wisley.

Agreed that we will aim to buy:

- One large display board for the Community Orchard, position (subject to comment) to be inside the knee rail near the stepping posts. Board will have text on history, and identify species/fauna.
- One medium or large display board for the Wildflower Meadow. Discussion about location concluded that site on Brandon St edge of meadow preferable to summit.
- One (or more if we can afford it) display case to go at East St, and perhaps also Brandon St or Rodney Road, entrances.

Action:

- **Luke and Jim R** to confirm display sizes asap
- **Jim R** to review text and identify photos and circulate drafts to group ideally for discussion at next meeting
- **Luke/Tom** to investigate cost of etched design
- **Luke** to provide order to Andrea and close out 08/9 CGS bid
- **All:** to think of ways to mark/celebrate the completion of the funding – ?invite Ro Shannon, or other, for ceremonial unveiling?

Gardening and workdays

Next workday is Saturday 24th April, be great if people can drop by for an hour or longer between 1030 and 1300. Tasks include:

- Planting of the “Crown Terrace” site by Browning Estate/Brandon St with the money from Browning EMB, to make it look attractive and worth protecting, and putting up knee rail around bed
- Re-proofing the orchard knee rail
- Watering (wildlife hedge, planters, any new trees)
- Litter picking

Action:

- **Luke** to put up notice in existing display case at Orb St showing dates for gardening events and FoNRP meetings
- All to adopt a tree in the Community Orchard and water weekly – pls see “map” below and allocated tree(s). One bucket should be adequate, pls ask Luke if you need one.

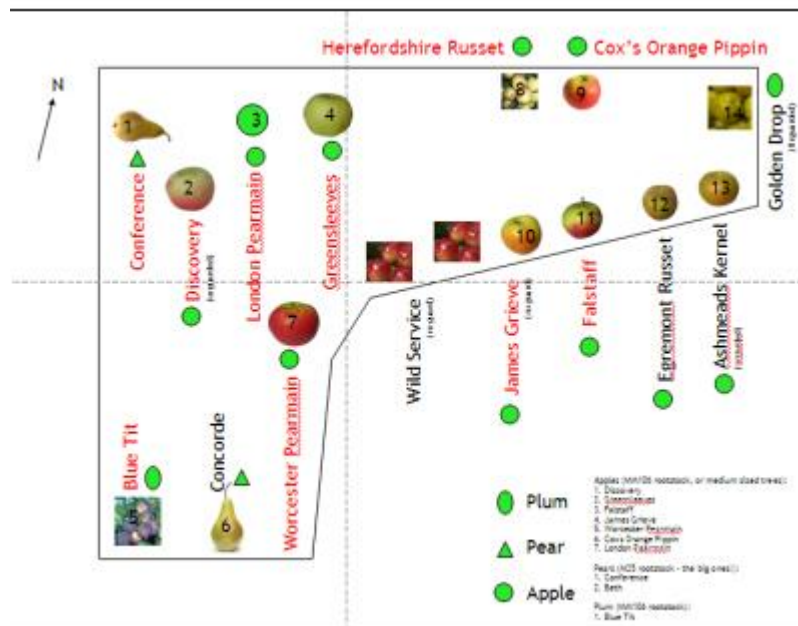
A draft Community Orchard Watering rota is shown overleaf.

Note that those ideally we have 1 each, if anyone is happy to do more, pls shout. Numbers relate to map below.

Name	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
Allen	7		
David	10		
Jim B	5		
Jim R	12		

Jon	4	8	9
Laura	11		
Luke	1	2	3
Nicole	6		
Tom/Una	14		
Volunteers?	12		
Volunteers?	13		

Draft map- note species names may be wrong. Red names are the ones planted with the London Orchard Project, others are from Celia.



Date of next meeting: Monday 26th April 7pm Balfour Street.