Greening Wingrove Board Meeting Minutes

**Thursday 3rd October 2024 7pm – 8.30 pm**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Katy Sillem, Jo Ellis, Alistair Ford, Don Morrison

Apologies from Michael Page, Ben Page, Rachel Richman.

Absent: Stuart Muir.

Given that Natalie Rotterova has moved out of the country she was deemed to have left the Board. Simran Chopra is still on a sabbatical from the Board. There are therefore 8 members of the Board and the meeting was therefore quorate.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed as a true record.

1. Matters arising

It was reported that the Bike Garden Working Group had not yet met up. BP has contacted Urban Green re signage. The consultation event took place on 28th Sept.

RR has reported that 19th Oct, which has been suggested as a date for Apple Day, doesn’t clash with the Jesmond Community Orchard one. This date was therefore set.

KS reported that she has invited everyone to a shared google drive.

KS and JE were meeting Urban Green reps with David Rochester the following week.

AF and DM have tried to find a date for a “Terraces” meeting but have failed.

Action – JE to email everyone on the members list without full contact details and ask for them.

1. Garden (Bike Garden, Food Growing, Community Events)
   1. Partnership agreements

KS had produced draft partnership agreements for Northern Slice and Bonsai Billabong. The following comments were made on the NS one:

AF: suggested that the words “lessor” and “lessee” might not be appropriate given that we are not allowed to sub-let.

JE: suggested the following additions:

* Requirement for NS to share accounts
* Requirement for NS to co-operate with a shared booking system
* Requirement for continued improvement in environmental performance
* Requirement for NS to agree on which areas of the pavilion are to be used by GW and which by NS

Members raised no objections to the latter three. With regard to the former, KS reported that MP had misgivings about sharing detailed accounts. Members agreed that simply providing a figure for income and expenditure would be sufficient. DM noted that at some point, UG may well start asking us to pay for utilities – in which case, there would have to be an agreement as to how the cost should be split between GW and UG.

It was reported that NS had been using the former tool store for keeping business waste.

KS reported that she had met up with MP and the following points had been raised:

* The issue with Lisa Robertson has been resolved.
* MP is happy to share details of the Bike Garden Facebook page.
* There needs to be a protocol for how bookings are going to work.
* Dave Webb’s complaint has not yet been dealt with. DW has said that he wants a commitment from MP to adhere to co-operative values and MP is happy with this.

KS reported that she will share the agreement, once decided, with Connected Voice to see if it’s robust. It would then be shared with the membership of GW and then if any member wanted to raise a motion that it be amended, they could do so.

* 1. Bike Garden consultation

The consultation event was successful. BP is working on addressing one of the suggested improvements – better signage.

BP has also costed up improvements to the toilets, including better baby change facilities.

Members were cautious about releasing a lot of funding while the lease with UG remains undetermined.

Agreed: the Board are prepared to commit 5% of reserves, or £1000, to toilet improvements.

* 1. Waste contract

There was a discussion over whether GW needed a waste contract, and whether it should pay for any of NS’s. No decision was reached at this point.

* 1. Apple Day

The date of Apple Day was set for 19th October. JE, KS, DM, and Gill Maugham can be present.

1. Communications (social media, newsletter and website, Membership and Outreach, Equality and inclusion,)

No report

1. Friends of Nuns Moor Park and Community Orchard

KS and JE were meeting David Rochester and representatives from Urban Green the following week.

1. Terraces (Waste reduction and management, local carbon emissions reduction, community events)

No report

1. Any Other Business

None

1. Date & time of next meeting - 7th Nov 2024.