

# Southsea Green Monthly Garden Volunteer Meeting

## Minutes: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Present: Carla, Sam, Goff, Helen F (taking minutes), Vik, Jenny, Esther, Delia

Left before meeting: Sam, Brigitta, Helen P

### Agenda

- 1) Welcome/Intros
- 2) Portacabin Makeover
- 3) Upcoming Events
- 4) Goff's Planting Update
- 5) Dig For Victory Bed
- 6) AOB

1	<p><b>Welcome/Intros</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of all volunteers present and welcome to Delia, one of our two new volunteers today. Both Delia and Brigitta were shown around the garden before the start of the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p>
2	<p><b>Portacabin makeover</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carla expressed a big thank you, supported by all present, to Vik, Solent All Stars and all of her team for doing a great job on transforming the portacabin.</li> <li>• The tea –making station has been moved to the cabin. The group discussed the need for everyone to be able to access the cabin, and agreed that a key safe should be purchased and installed.</li> <li>• The group discussed having whiteboards in the cabin, which could be used to list and tick off any jobs that need to be done around the garden.</li> <li>• Goff suggested that he could also update the notebook in the polytunnel with planting suggestions.</li> <li>• Jenny offered to facilitate the creation of a health and wellness board, which everyone could contribute to, eg by including pictures from magazines. This would make use of the MDF board left over from the cabin repairs, if it's no longer needed.</li> <li>• It was suggested that to avoid re-filling the portacabin with it being used as storage space, alternative storage could be freed up in the shed, if the shredder could be removed. It was suggested that the John Pounds Centre might have space store the shredder for us.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Carla</b> – to buy a key safe to hold the portacabin key</p> <p><b>Vik</b> to contact Nige to confirm that the board can be used</p> <p><b>Carla</b> to investigate moving the shredder from the shed, and storing it at the John Pounds Centre.</p>
3	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00 – 14:00 Easter Holiday Crafts organised by Jenny Plested.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Everyone</b> welcome</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 18:00-20:00 The Zero Waste Group will hold their monthly meeting in the garden. The evening will include talks about composting, growing your own herbs and veg, and a seed swap. Everyone is welcome, this will be a great opportunity to share what we do with another local group with similar interests.</li> <li>• Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> Southsea Green Open Day. The original suggestion had been to hold a traditional summer fete. The group agreed that there wouldn't be enough time to organise this, and decided to hold an Open Day. Initial suggestions for possible activities below, and more suggestions and contributions from everyone are welcomed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seedlings for sale/donation – Goff/Helen/Delia</li> <li>- Cakes – All</li> <li>- Activities for kids – Vik</li> <li>- Drumming</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Dig for Victory This is being organised by the Canoe Lake Leisure Group and the Dig for Victory bed is just part of the celebrations. Goff explained that there will be music, Becky Shaw may be performing. We need lots of volunteers to join in, help out and dress up in forties outfits.</li> <li>• The Marigold Loft, ie Vik and Sarah, run a craft and cuppa session every Friday at Bedhampton from 12:30 2:30. term time only. With tea, coffee, cakes, chat, crafts, upcycling. Everyone welcome. Donations of any craft materials also welcomed</li> <li>• Future events: Harvest Festival Event</li> </ul>	<p><b>Everyone</b> welcome at Zero Waste Meeting</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> - if you have any suggestions and contributions for the open day, please contact Carla</p> <p><b>Carla</b> to coordinate activities</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> - Come and join in the fun on 23<sup>rd</sup> June if you're free</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> - for info</p> <p>No action at present, but suggest revisiting in the future</p>
4	<p><b>Goff's Planting Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What to plant now: Parsnips, carrots, swiss chard can be sown directly outside, and there are seeds in the polytunnel in Goff's seed box. Also onions and potatoes can be planted outside. The plan is to plant parsnips and swiss chard in the communal beds.</li> <li>• The salad bed in the polytunnel can be planted now with different types of lettuce, rocket and radishes</li> <li>• Peppers and tomatoes can be sown now inside in cell trays</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Everyone</b> - For info</p>
5	<p><b>Dig For Victory Bed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has now been built, and everyone wandered round to inspect it. It looks impressive, with what appears to be good quality soil. It's a good time to start planting, Goff has a planting plan, which includes heritage varieties of seeds, which would have been around</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Goff</b> to coordinate the DFV planting.</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> to</p>

	<p>during war times. Goff asked for volunteers to help with planting over the next few weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goff also suggested that we could make plant label signs from slats of wood, as plastic labels wouldn't have been used at the time, and asked if everyone could keep a look out for any wood that might be suitable. Vik offered to get a team together to paint the signs</li> </ul>	<p>contact Goff if you'd like to help with planting</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> to look out for suitable slats of wood</p> <p><b>Vik</b> and co to paint the wooden signs</p>
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greens café have offered us some of their plastic mushroom crates – which could be used for storage, if acceptable. Vik gave them the thumbs up for use in the cabin.</li> <li>After the meeting Vik led a small group to sort out which items that had been moved out of the cabin before the makeover are still useful and could be returned to the cabin, and which are no longer required. The unwanted items have been left in the garden by the gate to Greens café, Vik posted a photo of them on facebook and Goff has offered to take anything that hasn't been claimed this week to the tip.</li> <li>And finally we have a new inhabitant in the pond, Esther spotted a small newt!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Helen</b> to speak to the café to request more of the crates</p> <p><b>Everyone</b> - for info</p>