## Canterbury Community Gardens Association

## April 11th 2019

## Venue: Avebury House

**Present:** Debbie, Hayley, Brendon, Cathy, Catherine, Rachel, Amanda

**Apologies**: Robyn

**Agenda** **Items**:

**2020 Autumn Show**\_ **Rachel**

In amber mode. CHS Trust looking for funding.

Rachel suggests that the CCGA should go for an outdoor exhibition space.

5x5 or 10x10. Vegetable garden. Open four sides or two sides

Approximate date: 3rd week in March

CHS Autumn Show incorporates the School Gardens Show & CHS Affiliated Societies Shows.

Action to be taken:

Canvas CCGA membership to see whether the CCGA should register interest in the 2020 Autumn Show. How many wish to participate?

**Update website\_ Hayley**

Caerullean Designs\_ to stay with Robin Sallis – agreed.

Updating the design of the CCGA website.

The information pertaining to the Community Gardens is out of date, the mailchimp subscription list/Newsline is more up-to-date.

Can anyone else add information to the site, when told the site information for their Community garden is out of date – ie Jennifer Henderson from Opawa Community Gardens, noted that Jan on the site is no longer the Gardens contact?

Ie Dallington Resident Association Community Garden has just paid a subscription to join the CCGA, and who is their contact? Where is their garden? What time do they open? Do they need volunteers?

Action to be taken:

Invoice to be paid

Hayley to present at the next meeting, a visual marketing strategy, ¾ hour.

“The 21st century CCGA webpage ☺ leaving the seventies behind.”

Update the contact information on the website – a core objective of the CCGA –

Promotion of the Community Gardens

**Funding Proposal\_ Hayley**

To apply for a grant from the CCC Strengthening Communities to fund a contractor Co-ordinator as a 12month project, to cover the **Purposes of the Society**

3.1 The Purposes of the Society are to:

i) Develop an association of Community Gardens that promotes environmental, economic and social sustainability

ii) promote and advocate for local support for community gardens

iii) Educate the community about sustainable gardening practices

iv) Actively engage with local communities in order to strengthen communities and alleviate social isolation

v) Enhance cultural understanding by providing community and school garden-centred events and education

vi) Support and assist the capacity of local communities to relieve poverty and food insecurity through the production of food crops.

vii) Promote and implement schemes of community benefit

Surprisingly similar to an organisation that seems to get copious funding☹.

This lead to a discussion about where to get funding, Cathy read a list of donors, and unsurprisingly the Garden Co-ordinators, Trust directors, are all applying for the same limited funds. Stretching the resources, and those Gardens which do not have an expert in funding applications, a Trust Board member or insider knowledge--miss out.

<https://www.ballantynes.co.nz/the-future-canterbury-grant>

<https://generosity.org.nz/>

<https://mch.govt.nz/funding-sources>

<https://www.lionfoundation.org.nz/applying-for-funding/>

<https://www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/charitable-trusts-by-sector>

<http://fundraisingideas.org.nz/Trusts.aspx>

One for the donors <https://www.ird.govt.nz/non-profit/np-donations/np-donations-index.html> how to get a tax credit back for donating to NFP Organisations

It depends on how much time you wish to spend in front of a computer and not in the garden, ***and shouldn’t this information be on the CCGA website***.

**Charities Commission update \_ Amanda**

It was noted that the last update was 2012. Action to be taken:

Catherine and Amanda, log in to Charities Commission website and update information needed. Change of officers, change of committee members.

Treasurer/Secretary: File the accounts.

**Any other business: Rachel:**

The Biological Husbandry Unit & Community Garden @Lincoln University under the threat of closure.

Action to be taken:

Letter of Support for the BHU from the CCGA.

Next meeting May 16th

Avebury House