Canterbury Community Gardens Association

December 5th 2019

Venue: Avebury House 5.00pm

Present: Catherine O’Neill, Hayley Guglietta, Zane Crofts, Annette Walker, Robyn Kilty. Arrived later: Debbie Nelson, Rachel Vogan, Di Madgin

Apologies: Brendon Lewis, Heidi Wilton

Accepted

Minutes of the last Meeting:

To be recorded as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

Date to be corrected, altered by Secretary 6/12/19

Proposed Chair, seconded Amanda

Carried

Matters Arising

* Di wishes it to be known that the acronyms used for other gardening societies and organisations make it awkward to ‘keep in the loop’
  + CCC Christchurch City Council
  + CCGA Canterbury Community Gardens Association
  + CHS Canterbury Horticultural Society
  + Edible Canterbury
  + FRN Food Resilience Network
  + Garden to Table
  + Otākāro Orchard
  + Trees for Schools
  + UC University of Canterbury
* Zane brought seedlings for those to grow on for the Show
  + Found someone to do the watering over the Summer season
* Charities Commission: New members’ details have been forwarded to the Treasurer on 21/11/2019.
* Cathy has an invitation from the [An Nur Mosque, Harvest Party](file:///C:\Users\Paul\Documents\CCGA\Feb%207th%202020%20MOSQUE%20HARVEST%20PARTY.docx).

*To Do: Circulate to the wider Community Gardens, via Newsline and email*

**Agenda:**

**Professional and Community Engagement Internship** via UC

Internships, start in Feb or July. Can be applied for Annual or six months.

Duration: 12 weeks.

Discussion about the viability and time to spend on an intern, and who to report back the results. Expenses or budget needed to ‘fund’ the intern.

**Professional and Community Engagement Internship**:

Project proposal brief to be concise, and follows the on from the Strengthening Communities funding initiative, which was to implement a contractor who would collect, collate and analyse the data necessary i.e. volunteer numbers, advertising, demographics, for a Community Garden to promote its benefits to the local populace.

Questions to be asked of Community Gardens:

1. How many people do you have?
2. What method would you use to engage new volunteers?
3. What does the garden struggle with?
4. What does the garden do well?
5. Does your garden connect with other gardens through the CCGA?

This link leads to the *2016* “[How’s Your Garden Growing Survey](file:///C:\Users\Paul\Documents\CCGA\05.2016%20Garden%20Survey%20Results\How's%20Your%20Garden%20Growing%20Survey%20results.docx)” conducted by the CCGA, which relates to this agenda item.

*To Do: Seccy is to approach and apply to Clare Murray to host an intern from the* [*PACE Program*](file:///C:\Users\Paul\Documents\CCGA\PACE%20Partnership%20Brochure.pdf)*.* Click on link to read brochure

**Rollickin’ Gelato & InnocentPackaging: Used ice cream pottles.**

From a suggestion by Wolfgang Bopp, DG of the Botanic Gardens and Parks. Would some Community Gardens like to reuse the used pottles from Rollickin’ Gelato to plant seedlings which can then go straight into the ground?

The pottle is PLA lined, plant based lining not plastic, and compostable without leachates.

Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and some schools were unable to find a use for the pottles.

The pottles are produced by [innocentpackaging](file:///C:\innocentpackaging.co.nz\), click link to find out more about innocent packaging.

Logistics to be finalised between Community Gardens & Rollickin Gelato.

Agreed unanimously

*To Do: Seccy forward email thread to web editor for inclusion in the CCGA Newsline and to thank Wolfgang, Maria, and Rebecca for their thoughtfulness*

**Tui donation of Blood and Bone Fertiliser**

* One tonne of blood and bone fertiliser to be distributed via New Brighton Gardens.
* Bagged potting mix to offer, stored at New Brighton Community Gardens, contact Rachel 021 632342 or Catherine [greentips@xtra.co.nz](mailto:greentips@xtra.co.nz)

*To Do: Logistics to be arranged between Rachel Vogan and Catherine O’Neill*

*Advertising the blood and bone availability on Newsline*

General Business

**Christmas Get Together**:

Consideration taken into account that the Show planning was to take precedent, and a Community Gardens Get Together could be planned for the New Year, “in with the new”. Will be after January the 12th

*To Do: Chair, Treasurer, & Secretary to pin down a date*

**Grow Otautahi Show plan**

Cathy’s partner dazzled a section of Avebury Garden.

“It's not possible for him to get the hardware sorted **(it needs prep soaking to bend)** for this Thursday and there may be some adjustments from this over final design. John can spray on the ground Lawrence's measurements and that should help with looking at the layout. and amount of pots needed, any amendments to the design, i.e steps to raise plants up.  “**To make one section could use up 2 pieces of ply $80 a sheet**”

* The plan changed again – 3metre path. 2 halves.
* One woven figure
* One couch
* One mosaic birdbath
* Site is still 10m x 7m.
* The design needs to be put on paper so everyone knows what is required.
* Needs a storage area, for watering equipment
* Needs a standing area for advertising material.
* Needs a logistics plan.

***To do: An artist or designer needs to design the stand, Robyn please?!***

**Grow Otautahi Show plan**

CCGA need to get on and engage with the other gardens, as advertised in Metropol magazine 5th December 2019. To grow plants for the show.

Amanda: emailing request to Gardens to be involved 7/12/2019 with amendments suggested by Robyn

Rachel: Grow Show PR, Amanda Healey, would like a comment on the development of the stand for the Show. -

Rachel: *To Do: Update on possible funding available from the GrowOShow.*

*Find quote for builder from Grow Show to make stands display hardware, as MenzShed was considered by Sandi not an option.*

Hayley: *To Do: Update on Lottery/ Rata funding applications for the CCGA to use on the stand?*

*Send request to Gardens to be involved in the Show via Newsline.*

Meeting ended 6.55pm

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