

TATE MODERN MINUTES – COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING
Meeting held 13 February, at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room

1 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Present: Synthia Griffin (Chair, SG), Peter Graal (PG), Joyce Bellamy (JKB), Francois Tarris (FT), Joseph Bonner (JB), Alison Dexter (notes, AD), Colin Brewer (CB), Brenda Vel (BV)

Apologies: Michael Osbourne (MO), Ian Sutherland (IS), Laura Ivill (LI), Edith Slee (ES), Carole Wright (CW)

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Principals of working with corporate volunteers drawn up by Helen Firminger BOST was circulated to the group. SG to format. It was agreed that there would be a degree of informality determined between BOST and the members of the steering group regarding organising corporate work days.

SG

Note to change ‘attend’ to ‘enter’ in AOB (13.4). Minutes have been amended.

AD

3 NO OF ATTENDEES OF GARDEN USERS

178 people are now registered as ‘Friends of the Garden’. Suggestion that email/mail asking friends of garden to reply if they are still interested in being involved – sent on yearly basis. Note to add a ‘please unsubscribe’ option to emails.

SG/
AD

4 PROGRESS ON FUTURE WORK/FUNDING UPDATE (GATE ETC)

4.1 Gate: SG reported that after discussions with Donald Hyslop, we should look to work with higher profile artists. CB asked that we find out from HSBC when the emergency exit gates will be finished and what they will look like. SG suggested approaching 4-5 artists with a brief.

SG

4.2 Name of Garden: Discussion about renaming the garden and how to involve ‘Friends of the Garden’ in this process. JB questioned the need to change the name. To be revisited when looking at artists for gate.

4.3 Jubilee Walkway Trust Bench: PG reported that a metal shortage has delayed installation of bench. Group decided to put a small plaque acknowledging JWT on wall near bench. Note to put on next agenda: ‘Ways of disseminating information around garden / interpretation.’

SG/
PG
AD

4.4 Surfaces: discussion about surfaces in the garden & the need to be DDA compliant. As a temporary solution, look at levelling & smoothing existing cobbling. PG suggested getting professionals in to do this. Note to look at access to benches & compost.

SG/
PG

5 MICROSITE

SG passed around printout of microsite. Note to get laptop & projector for next meeting to show working structure.

AD

6 FUTURE EVENTS

- 6.1 March 8th event: Lots of tidying up to do. PG is looking for a volunteer to come along early to help with set-up.
- 6.2 After School events: PG in process of scheduling after school dates.
- 6.3 Memory Pennants: PG has approached Blackfriars Settlement & is starting a gardening club at Lucy Brown House. PG urged members of the steering group to become involved in making memory pennants. They will be displayed at 1st birthday & moved to different gardens around SE1 as part of a broader BOST project.
- 6.4 Discussion about working with vulnerable groups and establishing a garden stewards' support group.
- 6.5 SG reported a successful Tiny Tots session on 7th Feb. JB suggested holding some Tots sessions on the weekend, this may take place in the future with the relocation of the diversity garden Saturday club.

7 LONDON IN BLOOM

Tate Community Garden will enter this year. PG to make sure BOST will be sent an application form. JKB suggested Green Pennant for Tate Community Garden would be a good project for a horticultural student.

PG

8 UPDATE ON FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES AT TATE

SG gave update on Family & Community Programmes. UBS Long Weekend: 24-26th May.

9 AOB

- 9.1 Measurable Outcomes: BOST needs to keep track of measurable outcomes. Procedure for feeding back photographs and other record material for BOST. SG to send through to BOST regular records of number of attendees at events, number of friends of the garden. Discussion about logbook, photo archive & documenting on film.
- 9.2 BUF (Bankside Urban Forest): SG gave update & directed group to report on Better Bankside website:
http://www.betterbankside.co.uk/images/download/14_Bankside_Urban_Forest/BanksideUrbanParksReport.pdf
- 9.3 Terms of Reference: Feedback from ES – there should be reference to the enjoyment of gardening in the TOR document. SG included reference to the aims

of vision of the garden & circulated to the group.

- 9.4 Steering group to organise visit to Natural History Museum in May.
- 9.5 Add to next agenda: Different events & schemes for the garden. Group agreed to focus on London in Bloom this year & look at Open Squares & Garden Weekend for next year.

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Tuesday 1st April, 6.00pm, Tate Modern Meeting Room