

TATE MODERN MINUTES – COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING
Meeting held 19 July 2007, at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room.

Present: Edith Slee (ES), Francois Tarris (FT), Brenda Vel (BV), Joyce Bellamy – Metropolitan Gardens Association (JB -MGA), Joseph Bonner (JB), Laura Ivill (LI), Brenda Vel (BV) & Ian Sutherland (IS).

Apologies: Colin Brewer (CB), Carole Wright (CW), Michael Osbourne (MO), Peter Graal (PG).

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These were agreed by the group. The group wished to formally thank Peter for his hard work developing the garden particularly in advance of the opening.

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- SPRUNG ACTION GATE/BUZZER – SG to continue to follow up with AMEC Facilities team. SG to continue to chase AMEC to adjust the buzzer length of the gate & to put sign on the gate advising people to pull shut **SG**
- GARDEN (20 min) INDUCTION – Peter to arrange with the steering group and to finish paperwork in connection to this. It was requested that composting information should be part of the induction. **PG**
- HSBC/repairing the hoarding – SG waiting to hear back from HSBC re paying for the repair of the hoarding. ES offered to ask CB to follow up with them. **SG/ES**
- BIN – SG regular to follow up with Better Bankside about regularly (once a week) emptying the bin. **SG**
- DRAINAGE – FT requested that drainage near the entrance of the garden is reviewed/install a grill. SG to follow up. **SG**
- PG to follow up with Globe about the roof being used for water storage. BV mentioned there may be a problem with this. PG to follow up and clarify. **PG**

3 INTRODUCTIONS

Ian Sutherland – local resident & parent was introduced to the team & welcomed to the meeting.

4 LONDON IN BLOOM

As members of the steering group JB & ES met with the judges with Peter to show them the garden & talk through its development. Results should be circulated in 3 months. ES & JB reported that the judges were v. impressed.

5 COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING DEBRIEF

SG reported to the group that both the family & formal evening event were very well with a total number of 150 people attending. The group wished to formally thanks Synthia/Tate for the opening of the event.

FT requested a copy of ES speech for the online archive.

The group wished to formally thank Michele for her participatory project & development of the Almanac

ES

6 ENTRY SYSTEM (DOOR / GATE)

The group agreed that it was necessary to define an area for those eligible to visit the garden, this should be based on the 'Better Bankside area'. SG to circulate a map of this area at next meeting. JB suggested establishing a protocol for group visits that might be of a 'scientific or educational interest' or to potentially be part of London Garden Open Squares Week. SG to discuss with Bost.

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It was agreed that the password would be reviewed by the end of the year & to add to the agenda . JB suggesting getting a list of the community gardens from the London Rederation of City Farms & a list of local organisations such as Roots & Shoots for those that are interested in the garden but don't live in the defined area.

IL suggested adjusting the welcome letter so that opening times were clearly stated. SG to follow up.

SG

7 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STEERING GROUP

SG circulated a document from BOST about the terms of reference for the steering group. All to comment on and return in advance of the next meeting. SG to present summary of results at next meeting.

SG

The purpose/function of the group was discussed briefly & opportunities for the group to strengthen their knowledge of gardening & specialist knowledge.

8 STRUCTURE/REGULARITY OF MEETINGS

This would be discussed at the next meeting following the results of the terms of reference document circulated.

9 REMAINING WORK (FURNITURE)

In PG's absence SG reported to the group that the outstanding work included the installation of a new bench. PG to follow up and update the group at next meeting.

PG

10 FUTURE EVENTS

SG reported to the group that despite a slow start there were a total 20 garden users who came to the ‘Come & See’ Event on 18 July 07. The Parents and Under’s sessions will be reviewed and potentially broadened to include families more generally – following discussions with BOST at the management meetings.

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Jubilee Walkway Trust – JB announced to the group that a grant of £800 had been awarded to the garden to develop another bench. PG to pay in cheque promptly.

Log Book – ES requested that the log book is moved to the shelter to encourage visitors to make contributions.

Floodlight – SG reported that this was flagged with the facility team and the bulb changed.

Signage – A permanent sign is being developed for the entrance of the garden and a separate one for around the pond.

Online Archive Meeting – SG reported to the group that an online presence/archive to profile the garden will be developed & hosted by Tate website – with a capacity for a forum. JB & FT are meeting regularly to take this forward. FT initiated a thread on the in SE1 website.

ES suggested that ‘Garden Users’ was a nice reference to those that visit the garden.

JB asked the team if they were interested in attending Highgrove to visit the gardens. The group expressed an interest.

JB suggested a visit to the Natural History Community Garden would be worth while to share practice. JB suggested keeping a note of the finer/rarer plants in the garden – those that are good examples of their kind. PG to follow up.

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Wednesday 22 August 6pm-7.30pm

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