

**TATE MODERN MINUTES  
COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING GROUP MEETING  
Meeting held 20 April 2006, Meeting Room, Tate Modern**

**Present:** Peter Graal – BOST (Chair) (PG), Synthia Griffin - Tate (SG), Donald Hyslop – Tate, Edith Slee (ES), Joseph Bonner (JDB), Laura Ivill (LI).

**Apologises:** Nicola Hart, Joyce Bellamy (JB), Francois Tarris (FT), Colin Brewer (CB), Adam Bakkar (AB), Chris Bateman (CB).

**1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Correspondence sent between Colin & Edith Slee, Colin Brewer & Donald Hyslop relating to the security and access of community garden will be circulated to the group at the next meeting.

**2 FEEDBACK ON PLANTING DAY – SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2006**

It was agreed that the day was well managed with approximately 20 members of the community attending.

**3 FUTURE PLANTING DAYS/ACTIVITIES 2006/PROGRESS UPDATE**

Future Planting Days - 5 planting dates were set and it was agreed that PG would supplement these dates by carrying out maintenance sessions on a fortnightly basis involving the steering group & BOST volunteers.

Wednesday 3 May 6.00-8.00pm – Wild Flower Seed & Climbers

Saturday 24 June 10.00am-early afternoon - Bog plants/maintenance

TBC – Involving local Primary School/e.g. Charles Dickens

Tuesday 25 July 6.00-8.00pm – maintenance

Tuesday 19 September 6.00-8.00pm – maintenance

Saturday 21 October 10.00am-early afternoon - Bulbs

Progress Update – SG reported to the group that the installation of the movement activated lighting system and the repositioning of the existing Tate Modern security camera hadn't taken place but was on the agenda to be done. SG to contact CB to discuss the incorporating the community garden into the patrol route of the newly appointed Community Rangers.

SG

Dates for the next forage on the foreshore are to be set at the next meeting.

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ES

#### 4 REFRESHER ON THE VISION OF THE GARDEN

SG reaffirmed the vision of the garden to the group:

- A space for the local community to play, enjoy and feel safe in.
- A space that should contribute to the quality of life for local residents.
- A rich environment for birds and wildlife.
- A place for local people to participate in through the ongoing care of the site and to be involved in the planting and events that take place in the space.

Aims (as referenced in a meeting with BOST 9/01/04)

To build the garden incrementally

To maximise voluntary labour and community input

To keep garden looking as good as possible at every stage

To use planting to protect access to the garden walls

To maximise wildlife habitat

To maximise educational opportunities and experiences around wildlife and gardening

#### 5 ACCESS/POTENTIAL SYSTEMS FOR TRIAL OPENING – PROGRAMMES OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SG reported to the group that it was important to develop a programme of involvement to engage members of the local community, to build and develop ownership and participation in the space. This has and will continue to be done through a series of planting dates and activities scheduled in the space.

SG asked the group to feedback their responses to the proposal that during the trial opening of the garden in the late summer/Autumn 2006 a system is tested where those that express an interest in the garden are asked to register their details (which is a similar model used in the Community Film Club). They are then sent a password to gain access to the space. The group agreed to this in principle, it will be brought to the next steering group to be formally ratified. The immediate residents in Cardinal Wharf will also receive a letter to verify the security measures in place as well as the system that will be trialled.

As a guideline those that live within the Better Bankside Bid area will be given access. once this has been monitored there may be potential to involve the local employees with guidance from Better Bankside.

#### AOB/DONM

JB requested that a record of expenditure is presented at the next meeting. SG to include in the progress schedule to be presented at the next meeting.

SG

Tuesday 16 May 2006, 6.00pm – Meeting Room, Tate Modern

Tuesday 27 June 2006, 6.00pm - Meeting Room, Tate Modern