

Virtual Coffee Morning Actions

19th February 2021

Comments & Agreed Group Actions

- The group enjoyed a short presentation on square metre/square foot gardening.
- Installation of a sunflower wall/wave was discussed for Holyrood Estate and plan made to explore the project following lockdown.
- Gardeners were keen to see a comprehensive labelling system in 2021, so assist with identifying which crops are where also to assist gardeners to learning plant names. Group to explore different types of plant labels which could be produced.
- The team from Home Group mentioned an area of land (Hazel Road) which they are interested in developing into the 'Food Forest'. The Landowner needs to be identified and it was suggest that the team contact SCC for assistance. Pippa Grey is also involved with the project so should link in.
- Interest in 'permaculture' as a potential subject area for a future workshop.
- As a part of garden planning, the need to develop a simple Management Plan/Growing Plan for each garden space was discussed. Again this could be the topic for future workshops and training sessions.
- Green Space Consortium was again discussed as a mechanism through which to support the development of new community spaces. Date to be confirmed for first consortium meeting. (Link to SCC Green Space Volunteer Forum).
- Useful weblinks provided for the green city charter and plan: <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/pollution/green-city/plan-2030.aspx>

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- The P4P team mentioned the production and availability of new raised beds for community growing, people to express interest. (<https://southamptonwoodrecycling.org.uk>) was mentioned as a potential source of sustainable timber.
- Discussions regarding the creation of orchards on housing sites to support the city tree strategy. P4P Team to follow up with SCC on proposed planting area.
- Group discussed the need for a strategy to increase the involvement of young people at community gardening sites. SVS identified as a good partner to work with to attract new youth audiences.
- Some possible funding opportunities identified through Veolia, SO18 Big Local and SVS.
- Due to some proposed painting work at Holyrood, tools need to be relocated from the tools stores. P4P Team to coordinate this with Jean the Warden at Holyrood.
- Everyone reminded to submit photos for the Feb. Photo Competition, (deadline next Thursday for judging at the next coffee morning).
- P4P Team reminded everyone that they would be at Holyrood Estate between 1.30pm and 3.30pm today for propagator giveaways and tree planting.

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