

ELL Quarterly Meeting 16/04/18

Present: Jo Homan, Vanessa Morris, Chris Speirs, Carrie Anker, Vicky Lewis and Sarah Bush

Directors; in October 2018 directors are due to step down/ stand for re-election. In January 2019 new directors are voted in. It was decided that this should be an annual thing from now on.

Thursday 5th July 2018, 4-7pm – Re-opening celebration, we will invite Councillors and Skinners Academy.

Lone working policy is now on the ELL website (thanks Vicky)

Hedgelaying – we can get plants for free from the Woodland Trust (native species ie hazel, hawthorn, sloe etc). Chris was concerned that the recent planting of willow will suck up a lot of water and that it can't be layed into a hedge – it will have gaps). There was an idea to create a mound of earth outside our boundary fence on the road side and or create a small barrier to stop it falling out and plant a native hedge there. This wouldn't be until November so we've got more time to discuss.

Structures – There is still more work to do to put up greenhouse; fastenings for windows/securing. We shouldn't really be using the door yet. The tool store still needs putting up. For potential new education structure we need another meeting as a lot to discuss. Some things raised – should it be against a boundary wall if it a structure with permanent walls.

Updates between different working groups could be better.

Corporate Volunteering - 3 x days with Lloyds planned Thursday 26th April, Thursday 7th June, Wednesday 11th June. We don't get paid but can ask to be paid for the resources that they're using; we could ask them for wheelbarrows/ask them to build a compost bay/ waders for the pond.

Big Dig – Saturday 21st April, we'll be moving plants

Training – on Eventbrite, ELL website and Facebook. We are running some Capital Growth training (Chris) £60 a course and the trainer gets paid too. Graham Burnett is using ELL site for some of his Intro to Permaculture sessions and we're on his flyer. Martine is running an intro to gardening. We need to kick start projects with Linda (Cob in the Community). Harringay Online is good for advertising courses.

Funding – Tesco £1-4k We'll find out in July, Wireless (Chris will find out) all money from Wireless needs to be spent on Finsbury Park and the council may have too much money, Groundwork end of April.

150th anniversary of Finsbury Park – we should get involved

ACTIONS

Jo – Confirm if 16/17 accounts have already been submitted – ELL accounts run June-July

Richard/Chris – Asset of Community Value - Check when expires and how to renew with planning

Jo – Make automated messages for ELL meetings (so everyone is reminded with more notice ie one week, two weeks)

Jo – add party event to ELL calendar and Facebook page.

Jo – add Sustain events to ELL calendar and Facebook page.

Jo – Investigate slope on roadside as possible hedgelaying site

Jo – Liaise with Lloyds about donations for corporate volunteer dates

Everyone – Ideas for big projects for corporate volunteers

Vicky – Write what she learnt about managing volunteers up and send around to list

Vanessa/Jo – Groundwork (I think this is funding application?)

Vanessa/Chris – Organise funding meeting

Sarah – Send dates Skinner’s Academy are at ELL to list

Carrie – Forward Finsbury Park Stakeholder s Group meeting dates to list

Carrie – Make a Doodle poll for Structures Meeting