



Gorgeous Gorse Hill Meeting Notes 29 February 2016

Attendees: Sandra Aguilera, Ruth Hannan, Waqar Hashmi, John Lee, Lisa McAuley, Marje Kelly, Mary Patel, Vanessa Scott, Jennie Wadsworth, Nicola Ward

Apologies: Stacey Body, Mike Cordingley, Paula Pearson, Jennie Wadsworth,

1. John Lee – Wood carvings and benches for Ravenswood Rest Space

John attended the meeting to discuss ideas for two benches and two wood carvings for Ravenswood Rest Space, funding by the airport grant.

The benches will be carved on site, into large tree trunks; the carvings off-site.

Ideas discussed for the carvings, and the favourites were a stag, to represent the history of Gorse Hill through the de Trafford estate, and a Manchester bee – we're no longer Manchester, but bees are a key part of the GGH project.

JL will liaise with VS so detailing on the benches reflects the floor art.

ACTION: JL to visit Ravenswood Rest Space to establish installation logistics.

ACTION: JL to send draft designs for the carvings.

ACTION: JL to send images of similar tree trunk benches.

ACTION: JL to quote for two benches and two carvings.

2. Vanessa Scott – Ravenswood Rest Space floor art

Following feedback at the Bird Box and tyre painting activity day, VS presented further design drafts. Some discussion, with the final designs for consultation reduced to five which VS will tweak before we commence consultation.

Consultation will be with residents of Clyne Court and Ravenswood Rd, and we'll place a poll on the GGH FB group.

Once the design is finalised VS will run a colouring workshop.

The area will need jet-washing, and to be dry for a few days either side of decorating. We are aiming for a May installation, but this is weather dependent.

VS will estimate how many people are required to help paint the design, but there will be a minimum age limit of 8-9 years (Year 4)

ACTION: Susan Savage of THT will contact Clyne Court residents on our behalf.

ACTION: VS to produce rough timetable of work.

ACTION: RH to arrange for council to jet-wash Ravenswood Rest Space.

3. Tesco – Bags of Help

GGH are currently one of three organisations lined up to receive either £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme in Trafford. Tesco customers receive a token after every transaction, which they place in the box of their preferred group. The competition runs until March 6th, when the money will be distributed accordingly.

Unfortunately, the GGH entry incorrectly states the money is for Ravenswood Rest Space. We are aiming to improve planting, seating and deep clean the rest area on the Chester Rd canal bridge. The error was highlighted with Tesco's partner, Groundwork, some weeks ago, but was not rectified.

Tokens from any Tesco can be used in the Trafford competition.

ACTION: All to promote the competition via social media.

4. Schedule for activity days

Dates have been confirmed.

ACTION: DT to produce a poster.

5. National Gardens

NGS are coming to visit the area prior to their NGS events. GGH will run an "open day" even if NGS don't wish to be involved.

6. Map

Discussion over the creation of a GH map, highlighting GGH projects, for the noticeboards.

ACTION: RH to discuss with Caroline Daly

7. Ravenswood Bollards

CD has sent through draft designs for the Ravenswood bollards. These are subtle with ladybirds, fairy doors, worms etc.

8. Harrogate Flower Show money

This funding needs spending up, so we will purchase more secateurs. Suggestion of GGH branded gardening aprons. Some discussion of obtaining fixed chalk boards for the 4 main locations, to notify the public when the next work in that area will take place.

9. AOB

- GGH stencil still outstanding. ACTION: NW to organise.
- ACTION: MP to investigate an Easy Fundraising account.
- We received £305 following the theft (and subsequent return) of one of the new cherry trees. All donors are happy for us to retain their donation.
- ACTION: NW to produce more signage for tree pits and boards.

Date of Next Project Meeting: 7pm on 12th April 2016 at Talbot Road Site, Stretford Leisure Centre – this may be subject to change, as multiple committee members are away.

Next Activity Day: 19th March 2016, 10am-12pm, Avondale Planters