



Community Garden

St Agnes Longsight

Notes from a meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2008

Present

Christian Tiede, Oswald Collins, George Vernon, Margaret Taylor, Colin Best, Barry Johnson, Brutus Green, Stephen Edwards

Notes on the Grant

- the grant is for open space that is unrestricted – open in daylight though may be locked at night
- will need to consult a garden architect to firm up the ideas and to get idea of costs (Christian knows someone to ask)
- send rough idea for the first part of the application process
- good for parish and community to work together
- will need to be clear about what we want to do, why, other local parks etc
- Groundwork will supply a facilitator for the second stage of the process

Consultation

- include details of consultation with local people – involve HRACA in that process
- use previous survey and previous parish workshop results
- 'top-up' with a new consultation/survey

Ideas for Garden

- develop different areas for different themes
- peaceful area
- herb-knot area
- tables and benches (possibly recycled, definitely sturdy/vandal-proof)
- wild life area – fenced off
- composting area
- need to tackle the rubbish/dumping problem (possibly through city council, Ian McChew)
- open up the hedges to increase visibility but this will also encourage people to jump over
- problems of access/privacy
- consult on these issues
- need advice from professional arborist (Barry to consult)
- include maintenance tools in grant application
- artwork/sculpture – St Luke's Art Project and the Community Art Project on Daisy Bank Road
- low maintenance
- music/wind chimes?

Consultation Day – Garden Party

- in visit local residents to come to the grounds for tea, cake, games
- invite hall user groups to get involve/showcase their group
- HRACA have mini-marquees
- design a survey/consultation for people at this event
- show video/photos of ideas we have for the garden
- Saturday 30th August, 12noon-2pm

Future Plans

- Visit to St John's Old Trafford for ideas: Wednesday 9th July leave St Agnes at 1.40pm, arrive 2pm
- Meet later in July to organise the Garden Party
- Garden Party: Saturday 30th August, 12noon – 2pm
- Gardening Days: Saturday 14th June from 10am and Saturday 5th July from 10.30am