

# Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP  
2 February 2005 at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

Present: Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Linda Conway, Mary Bagshawe, Tony James, Maurice Jordon and Geraldine Moses

Apologies: Roger Conway, Ross Friend and Kate Redgate

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed, signed

## 119 Trees (111)

MB circulated a list of the trees planted and those individually donated and to date over 100 had been planted and she knew of other people who would be donating

## 120 Development and Management (112)

120.1 MG reported that Robin Small would be coming to prune the most recently planted trees and MJ said that RS had told him that he would also check over all the trees so far planted. The group was most appreciative of his help.

120.2 There was discussion on the pros and cons of weeding the hedging and it was generally felt that this should be done inside the spiral guards. It was left that everyone would pull a little whenever they went up there and the situation would be reviewed at the next meeting. **ACTION ALL**

120.3 TJ suggested that, when the grass cutting started again, it might be a good idea to include the area in front of the notice board. This was agreed.

## 121 Hard Landscaping (113)

TJ passed round a sketch he had done of his interpretation of what the meeting had discussed previously and it was felt that this was very much what people had in mind. He did point out that his son had warned that it would be a very costly operation. MG reported on her meeting with Lin Avery on site and the main trend of their discussions had been the cost involved even before funding could be applied for. LC then reported on her site meeting with Freda Storey whose plan would cost £60. The work had not yet been fully costed. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that MG would contact David Miller of the Wyvern Environmental Trust to see what their exact requirements would be bearing in mind the vagueness of the agreement pending the Licence.

**ACTION MG**

## 122 Licence (114)

MG had heard nothing more from Steven Cuthill regarding the Licence and said that she would try to contact him. MJ suggested that she speak to Greg Garner (whom he had seen recently and who was interested in progress so far).

**ACTION MG**

## 123 Social Event and Communications

123.1 Open Day (106.1) - This had been reported on at a previous meeting

123.2 Wassail (116.1) - This was felt to be a huge success with possibly over 100 people attending. There were some constructive comments such as the bonfire being lit earlier and the Morris Dancing to be earlier or programmed in later so that people did not have to 'hang around' waiting. It was also felt that it would be safe to have all the activities closer to the bonfire too. There had been many comments about the little lights marking the way as not only were they useful but also very welcoming. The cider and food was much appreciated by all who attended. It was felt that the newspaper, radio and television advertising plus the posters had been instrumental in bringing in so many. It was generally accepted that this would become an annual event. *(Post meeting note. The current cost of the wassail stands at £160)*

123.3 Tree Planting (111) - Chairperson's comment 'Wet but wonderful'. It was agreed that MG would write to thank Terry Edwards for his hard work - done early in the morning before everyone else arrived. ACTION MG

123.4 Newsletter (95) - It was agreed that MG should write another Newsletter to report on the activities and printing the cider and cake recipes and also announcing the date of the AGM (see below). ACTION MG

## 124 Certificate (111)

RF had finalised his design of the Certificate and this was passed round by MB. It was thought to be very attractive and appropriate to the Orchard. RF proposed that this should be on photographic paper and that the wording on each would be individual. The cost was estimated at approximately £1.00 each and the meeting agreed this. MB and RF were asked to liaise in the completion of these.

ACTION MB & RF

## 125 Forthcoming AGM (118)

As numbers attending previously had been small, there was a general feeling that this should be kept to a short business meeting for those who wished to attend. It was therefore agreed that there would be no invited speakers. The date was agreed - Wednesday 16 March at the King's Arms. (LAC was asked to book this.) ACTION LAC

## 126 Volunteer Time Accounting

Barbara Collier has asked us to report on numbers participating in the Open Day (50 +) and recent tree planting (30), the number of members including new ones during the last six months, and voluntary time we have collectively given to the orchard (at least 1,000 hours). LC to provide membership numbers to MG who will pass on all the information to Barbara.

ACTION ALL

Date of next Meeting - Wednesday 9 March at 7pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

