

Frieze Hill Community Orchard.

Notes of the steering group meeting, **6th January 2009**. Held at 18 Roughmoor Cottages.

Present: Mary Bagshaw, Chris Bull, Pauline Clarke, Linda Conway, Roger Conway, Geraldine Field, Ross Friend, Margaret Gibson, Katie Redgate, Joyce Thomas, Caroline Turner.

Apologies: None Received.

Review of Previous Minutes

Two corrections were made;

- 1, RC corrected address for Roger & Linda - 18 Roughmoor Cottages.
- 2, Regarding Covenants, MG pointed out that these can be inherited either by blood (direct relatives) or in title (i.e. be purchased). The minutes were otherwise accepted as true and accurate.

Minutes.

Fairwater Field.

RC pointed out that another option open to the FHCO group was to have TDBC hand over title to the land. RC pointed out that there is increasing pressure via legislation for Councils to hand over assets for "community ownership". The possibility of FHCO becoming a charity was discussed and it was mentioned that this may aid any attempt to obtain title to the Fairwater Field.

RC is tasked with investigating both the appropriate legislation and requirements to becoming a charity. When researches done, a future meeting to consider pros and cons. (Action: RC to investigate further for reporting to a future meeting meeting).

Maintenance and planting.

Pruning. - RF pointed out that it is once again time for pruning and suggested that due to the large number of trees a "team" should carry out this work. Date for the team prune was set - 10 am, Sunday 18th January.

Tree Planting- New date for planting and general tree maintenance agreed, Sunday 25th January, 9.00 am

MG to notify members of these dates in hope of recruiting helpers.

Annual Report

RC provided a précis of his report and status of the groups finances.

AGM Date was agreed: Wednesday 1st April, 7pm at the Lawn Tennis Club, Linden Gr. (venue T.B.C. action MG). KR will investigate the possibility of getting someone to give a talk on Cider /Cider Making at the AGM

(Action: Venue and Talk on Cider, required by early April - MG/KR)

Wassail

Tasks and responsibilities were discussed and assigned.

RC raised the issue of the need to review the Risk Assessment for the event (to ensure it was still both sufficient and appropriate) and stated that he had already had a look at it and considered it acceptable.

The Risk assessment was discussed and deemed acceptable by all present.

(Action: RC to e-mail / provide a copy of the RA to all present, completion by 12th Jan)

Next Meeting

25th February 2009, 7pm at 18 Roughmoor Cottages.

No further business - meeting closed.