

FRIENDS OF ABBEY GARDENS

Monthly meeting | 5 December 2009
Minutes

Present

Friends of
Abbey Gardens

Andreas Lang *Chair*
Dasha French *Treasurer*
Lydia Thornley *Secretary*
Louis French
Cath French
Dariusz Petlicki
Charles Seber [Charlie]

Somewhere

Nina Pope
Chris Cavalier

Topics

Infrastructure

- | Meeting with Liz Shearer due on Tuesday. Topics will include garden club leader and Somewhere contract
- | Turfing and grass seeding dates to be confirmed subject to weather
- | Fence repairs before end of year + board at bottom to retain earth and fill gap
- | New gate: Andreas looking at integrating honesty stall. Possibility of setting gate back from the fence so that it invites visitors in in the same way as the temporary gates at the harvest festival
- | Possibility discussed of 'Abbey Gardens' on the gate
- | Rainwater harvesting to be discussed with Mark Perkins
- | Compost: possibility of sourcing from North London Waste Authority

Website

- | Web group looking at what website could or should be doing
- | Webcam stuck - **awaiting discussion with Keith**
- | Possible broader use of plant database to include whether or not plants are edible and annual/perennial plants

- Outreach**
- | Cards well-received at Manor School fair
 - | Exhibition discussed - **to raise with Liz Shearer**
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- Publicity**
- | Folding cards and postcards delivered
 - | Press release amended following Mark Perkins comment, now approved with additional sentence about LB Newham support
 - | Discussion of taking donations for folding cards following demand
 - | Unit cost requested [LT calculation: 28p not allowing for Tradewinds delivery charge, which we will know when we have their invoice]
 - | Packs of cards to be given to key contacts and/or sent as thank-you cards
 - | Moo mini-cards due for delivery early week 7 Dec
 - | Remainder of yellow paper to be used for door-drop in Jan about tree-planting
 - | Lydia to do a stage of tidying-up on type layout of planting plan
 - | Query re: Serco contact / Cath
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- Signage**
- | Community Spaces signage requirement discussed
 - | Sign at the beginning of Bakers Row discussed ref. general LB Newham street signs update
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- Finance**
- | Invoices to be chased-up from contractor and Tradewinds ref. VAT returning to 17.5% at beginning of 2010
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