

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING (2/23)

7th March 2023 in the REconomy Centre

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair), Sue Holmes, David Martin, Robert Vint, Ernesto Antonio, Shirley Prendergast (Sec)

1. APOLOGIES: Lu Overy, Paul Church

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: the minutes of the meeting on 7th Feb 2023 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING: Noted that Sue has informed SHDC re repairs to the shed roof. See item 6 for other repair issues.

4. ROBIN LACEY ARTWORK: Robin visited the garden (3.3.23) and presented his idea for a stainless-steel glyph for the pool below the bridge. It was felt that this would be a good location and a very attractive addition to the garden. Discussed issues of safety, installation, the pool liner and cost. Robin is investigating further and will report back. *It was agreed that the LGA would like to cover some of the costs involved.*

5. EXPENDITURE: **1. Compost bins.** David costed replacement timber for new bins at £270. Ernesto suggested that new bins should be lined. *Agreed to delay replacement for the time being.* **2. Willow structures.** At cost of £540- materials and Ross's labour. *Agreed should be done immediately.* **3. Maintenance.** £200 for tools and sundries. *Agreed to go ahead.* **4. Issue of replacement benches was raised.** The large bench by the spinner and the Chess Bench will need replacing soon. *We will look for sponsorship for the large bench (Robert had some suggestions and will follow up). We may be able to put a new seat on the chess bench.*

6. REPAIRS TO THE LANE WALL: These are very urgent and SHDC have been alerted. The stump below will need to be removed to stop children climbing onto the wall. *Sue is in correspondence with SHDC about this and several other safety issues in the garden.*

7. LGA CONSTITUTION: Dave suggests that we delay making changes until the next AGM in December 2023. *Agreed.*

8. NEW INFORMATION BOARD: Shirley, Sue and Dave have Version 5 in progress including draft text, a new map of the garden and suggested images (modelled on the board in Heath's Garden). Will be circulated to Committee in near future.

9. WHO MADE WHAT: *Dave is updating.*

10. AOB: Possible Sponsorship: Ernesto is undertaking a 800 mile walk of Camino de Compostela in late April. He has kindly offered to link this to a sponsorship appeal for the Garden via our Facebook page. *Shirley will ask Lu if she might facilitate this with Ernesto.* **Brown bin:** we need a special label in order for it to be collected. *Shirley will investigate.* **Noted:** Sue will be away for a month from Friday 10th. Shirley will be away from late March until mid-April.

11. NEXT MEETING: 4th April to be held in REconomy Centre starting at 5.30pm