

Minutes of Leechwell Garden Association Meeting

Tuesday 29th September 2009 9.30 am at Bogan House

Present:

Sue Holmes (in the Chair), Ed Vidler, Janet Mitchell, Robert Vint, Jeannette Willington, Wendy Reid, Mike Jones, Charlotte Rathbone, Charles Fox, Anthony Harrison, Jackie Francis.

1. Presentation by Charles Fox and Anthony Harrison of plans for Heath Garden

Charles and Anthony regarded the site as a gateway into the town, pointing out links with Leechwell Garden and other green spaces. Using a model to illustrate the proposed scheme, they described the lay- out and features; the wall bounding the road lowered in height; a row of trees to hide from view the Masonic Hall; a pathway giving access to Leechwell Lane; a prominent play sculpture; seating along the east wall in an hard-surfaced area; ground planting on the banks.

The Garden is intended to be of high artistic quality and a benchmark for future development. Funding would come from the Wakefield Trust, sufficient to provide the infrastructure. Other funding could be sought through Groundworks.

The need for public consultation was thought to have been satisfied by a questionnaire already carried out .

SHDC, which owns the land, has approved the design and has agreed to maintain the area. It was anticipated work would start in January 2010.

Charles and Anthony were thanked for their presentation and responded to questions, but also asked the Committee to present them with an agreed list of suggestions.

Action to be taken;

- Members to receive copies of the plan electronically. **SH**
- To e-mail comments to Jeannette and Ed **All**
- To meet on Friday 9th October 10.00 am at the Mitchells house to decide on response to be sent to Charles and Anthony **All**

2. Open Day. Public Exhibition to show plans for both Leechwell Garden and Heath Garden. This would be for information, not for further consultation. A date would be set for the second half of November.

3. Publicity.

- Letter to be drafted on progress of Leechwell Garden for circulation locally. **JW.**
- Mailing to volunteers etc. **JW**
- House to house delivery **JW, WR**
- Press release (Totnes News) ?

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