



Transition
Haslemere

Minutes of Landshare Meeting

25 March 2010

Present: Nic Prandle (NP), Owyn Prandle (OP), Kathy Ball (KB), Sheila Godsman (SG), Caroline Gowering (CG), Doug, Ruth, Steve, Jill, David Elliot, (DE), Doris and Ellen

1. Membership/subscription –

Group discussed how to increase membership as Roundhurst is large site and a lot needs doing. Also may be another site at Imbhams to develop.

Need to promote Landshare at Green Fair, use leaflets – NP, OP, CG

Landshare article due to go into Herald, plus column on Landshare in months time - NP

Put our project onto Channel 4 Landshare Website – OP

Promote at Charter Fair (1st Bank Holiday) – volunteers?

Create posters to display round town, e.g. in garden centres, Health food shop – KB to speak to husband about posters

Get list of members from Roundhurst to contact and promote garden to – Jill or Steve to get list.

DE to forward our project to all those who didn't get Camelsdale allotment.

Subscription – should be run separately to Roundhurst.

Decided need subscription as it encourages commitment. Agreed charge of £10 per adult/year, children free. Need to keep record of who has joined, CG to do this. Keep payment simple ie biscuit tin in greenhouse.

2. Mapping of site -

SG doing a plan of site (thanks Sheila), there are approx 30 beds. Have a laminated plan and number each bed. Will help when people do things, ie they can write it in notebook..”what I did when I was here..” or could have board hanging somewhere to keep track of jobs and what needs doing.

DE to sort this out and bring one for kids.

Register – pad seems to work. Sign in and date to keep record of who is coming along to garden.

3. Crops -

So far planted in green house: runner beans, lettuce, squashes, courgettes, peppers, some potatoes, some herbs. Strawberries on order.

Jill to get 7xmore bags of main crop potatoes and some early salad new potatoes, Look into getting Jerusalem artichokes as they're perennials.

Also mint, carrots, peas, 5/6 more packets of tomatoes.

Mushrooms? DE looking into getting wood to drill plugs into.
Steve to provide more seed trays and manure.
DE to look into coppicing bean sticks

Water – there is mains water, but in summer months will need to work out way of harvesting water and carrying it to beds. OP to sort out stick on guttering.
Michael's friend will bring digger next week to dig up polytunnel.

4. Events: hopefully these will help promote the garden.

Kids seed Planting Day – Sunday 11 April – hope to grow runner beans, radishes, and pumpkins. NP to get this into next edition of Herald. Promote in schools. NP to contact schools.

Roundhurst Open Day – Sunday 13 June, use this as opportunity to show off what has been grown and what the garden is.

BBQ/Spit held in garden – date to be confirmed.

5. Rules: everyone agreed didn't want this to get too bureaucratic so happy for farm to write out set of rules we sign. Waiting for Moya to get back to Landshare about this.

Steve mentioned avoiding driving down owners private drive.

Also for people to use path behind animal sheds when walking between garden and farm.

6 Health and Safety: Farm has safety document that can be used for garden. Steve will provide First Aid Kit. Need to set up an accident book. Some sort of sign on gate ie garden at own risk or something.

7 AOB: Good idea to keep inventory of equipment. Doug will do this.

Security: decided it would be advisable to have combination lock on gate.

Steve agreed to do this. Steve to look into getting shed.

Group decided need to have on site camping stove and cups etc for that all all important brew break – OP

DE to bring some wood for benches to sit on.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 29 April, Mill Tavern, KB to reserve table.