

## **Common Good - Elder Farm – Key issues on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Opportunities for practical work to benefit unemployed people and people interested in outdoor learning/heritage. Referrals from Job Centre and links to the Wise Group.

Options for the development include setting up a charity, work placements, health and safety policy, supervision arrangements with gardening worker recruited, focus on voluntary effort, and help for people seeking work experience.

Common Good issues linked to the Elder Park and Farmhouse, need to create sense of ownership, raise local awareness and public awareness (e.g. fridge magnets, stickers, stick with flag "Common Good" at list of sites, posters and leaflets), and more visibility for common good assets.

Research activity needed including looking through Mitchell Library Archive and council minutes, spread word about common good through publications and new research into common good assets. Refer to research by Andy Wightman, and learn from parks campaigns to Save Pollok Park and Botanic Gardens. Link up with Glasgow Women's Library and Local Artists involved in the Lady Elder research project due to be published in August 2013.

Common Good Tours could be organised, and media stunt needed. Identify common goods assets that can be added to the existing register. Share ideas with other common good projects across Scotland.

Elder Park Farmhouse is common good but not on common good register. Could develop as a learning centre, place for skills development, distribution centre for publications including maps of common good assets, films and public education.

## **Elder Farm Garden Tasks: Spring 2013**

### **Drop-in Facility**

- a) Problems due to no toilet on site, go to the pub on the corner "The Reform Club" and possible use of "gallery" toilet could be established.
- b) Establish work day on Saturdays and ask for help from adults with specialist skills including growing veg and flowers. Fiona has helped with seed planting; local food group could assist with gardening courses, permaculture and skills exchange.
- c) Portacabins could be set up as meeting space.

**Security: isolated location, need to stop fires. Various ideas and possible solutions.**

- a) CCTV recording could be established.
- b) Youth Club development; details of the names and ages of young people using the site and find out what they are interested in. Currently, need to develop activities with 6 to 8 young people aged between 13-15 years. Generally, young people visit the site after 1pm at weekends and for after school meeting place. Need to identify youth workers and adults interested in supporting youth gardening. Potential role for college students.
- c) Arts programme could be developed, with drama, plays, poetry readings, light installations, guitar workshops, and local music events.
- d) Discussion needed about the involvement of adults completing Community Payback.
- e) Further discussions needed with the community police officers who have been involved at the site.
- f) Events programme could be established linked to research project in to women involved in protest, heritage of Elder Park. Health and safety plan needed with first aider and risk assessment completed.

**Website & Media**

Develop common good awareness using radio programmes on Sunny Govan Radio, web pages and facebook.

**Relationships with other groups**

- a) Relationships need to be developed and good communications promoted. Recognised people involved come from different backgrounds and have different accents.
- b) Need to get list of local groups and try to link up with them e.g. Elder Park Community Hall, the Portal, Gal Gael, GYIP.

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