

Agenda Wed 6 March 13 1pm Pearce Cafe

Minutes Last meeting cancelled

1. Funding – we seem to be having trouble in releasing funds – previous treasurer of LEGUP has left leaving sole signatore Carol Henry in charge – she was part of the original meetings which agreed to dissolve LEGUP & Fairfield Trust and start Common Good Glasgow, but still has not transferred remaining LEGUP funds which were agreed to be used for PI Dinner Nights, Garden Bills and Garden Needs.

A generator could be hired for the week and we are having a workday on Sunday - MB is already owed £24.41, and like many other community members is currently struggling to pay bills. The funding seriously needs to be sorted. Previously the LEGUP Treasurer had a policy of handing over a small slush fund in return for an account update plus receipts of how money has been spent. CH view is that this is not possible.

2. Garden update onions potatoes first planted see jimdo blog

Require funds to :

- Hire a better generator to remove plastic from frame
- But paper to print out bump / laminate notices
- Have we paid Galgael and Scottish Water?
- Do we need more manure and compost if we are to encourage community plantings?
- Tasks to do :
 - Strim front garden and orchard
 - Make and fill boxes in pergola space
 - Clear burnt polycarbonate from the top of the frame as best we can / else cut top off and replace with new beams – spriti of recycling should try to see if the first is possible
- Do we need more manure compost if we are to encourge community to grow their own
- Visit from Michael (Plantation & FOE) which brought about another meeting with Maria Leahy (Chair of FOE - who wish to work with us to make this a great space)

3. Common Good advertising Ideas

- Are YOU a Common Good Asset ? Badges, tshirts, ironon transfers?
- Shortened cosla version – print out example cases for flyers - different story different flyer – using pictures large print and clear wording – the shorter the more likely people with read it



4. School projects update

- Govan Campus have a garden and would like some help
- Have given up seeds for Bee Garden with some instructions and photgraphs (see pdf)

- Am hoping they will return a design by end March and seedlings for planting mid April. Holidays are first two weeks April. We expect seedlings to be big enough for cold frames by then or pupils might be asked to care for special plants over the holidays
 - Parents may be invited to help prepare the garden or we may have a week booked with payback team we could use
 - We are looking at a co-project with Galgael to make Wormbins (for dog mess) and Beeboxes
 - Considering a website to cover project – parents could use passwords to access pupil gallery
 - Free compost request has been made to Dobbies
 - Once we have clearer picture will talk to Shearers about finance
 - St Constantines are having problems with their bottlebank, have offered sheets of polycarbonate to help strengthen sides and prevent bottles getting kicked in – meeting monday which may discuss taking on some planters – probably not because they also have a garden but they may grow seeds for us
 - If schools become involved would this bring parents along?
5. Common Good Forum & Elder Farm Jimdo Website – information to be uploaded and admins considered
6. Dinner nights talk / film nights – can we ask for dinner nights to have a point – a talk or a film shown weekly – plenty downloaded from you tube etc plus urban roots have loads of DVD's they would love us to borrow
7. Events
- Way Forward Work Day 10 March
 - Way Forward Meeting - 24th Feb & reflection workshop elder farm community garden
 - Lady Elder 's 175th birthday is on 15 March, but FOE plan to celebrate on the 23 March with a party in the park. Which is going to be a clean up and plant stuff in the park – After a further meet with FOE – we have agreed to :
 - Work together to get the flood light at front of building connected and switched on
 - Identify areas to be kept free from weekkiller which we can plant up – there are spaces which have been wood chipped we could plant through as plants grow in the garden Schools may like to be involved with this
 - We will open the garden gate for the event **IF** FOE mount a watch team at the gate to help prevent anyone trying to climb on / into the building
 - Event is being supported by Asda, Brookfield LES
 - Having already discussed clearing bottom of pond with park users and boat club members, we are wondering if we can get hold of 10 pairs of waders and 10 big rakes to clear the pond

- Music Fest in the Park for 8 June – day after Govan Fair – FOE Event
- Weekly Unite Against Facism Conference 23 March registration between 11.30 & 12
 “Both here and in Europe fascist parties hope to benefit from the economic crisis through racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, homophobia and the vilification of refugees and asylum seekers. <https://www.facebook.com/events/334464513335753/>
- a choice that Republicans in Congress have made. :
 - .. to refuse to budge on closing a single wasteful loophole to help reduce the deficit.
 - .. to protect special interest tax breaks for the well-off and well-connected... apparently more important than protecting .. military or middle-class families from the pain of these cuts.

(Obama calls for) .. a more balanced approach..Smart spending cuts; entitlement reform; tax reform that makes the tax code more fair for families and businesses without raising tax rates (to) ...responsibly lower the deficit without laying off workers, or forcing parents to scramble for childcare, or slashing financial aid for college students.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/sequester/the-presidents-plan>
- Fairtrade Fortnight <http://www.co-operative.coop/join-the-revolution/>