

Have Your Say meeting 22.4.18 Gordon Rd Allotment

Present-

Ikuko Kirby, Therese Jones, Louis Zweig, Chris Ouseley, Mei Ling Delmonte, Claudine Fear, Natalya, Terry Burling, Penny Igoe, June Hale, John Hale, John Kirby, Judy Woollett, Lesley Ludlow, Janny Elmoutawakil, June Brooks, Nada-Sylvia Csata, Mark Hanslip, Philip Cuttell. The meeting started with daffodil identification - thanks Lesley.

Herbicides

Claudine raised the safe use of systemic herbicides such as Round Up, (glyphosate). Louis is particularly concerned about this as if herbicides get into the bees water supply, they die. John K was concerned they may also be carcinogenic.

The following was agreed -

1. Stop stocking systemic herbicides in the shop
2. Spot them on, not spray.
3. If you must spray, only do so on a very calm day.
4. Do not use near water butts.

A direct email to all members will be sent and the above will be included in the Grapevine.

Piggery Garden.

Now that Jackie has left, there is no-one taking overall responsibility for this. Christine may be willing to take over and Felicity is exploring the possibility of a switch to low maintenance planting. Natalya has offered to help, and will contact Christine.

Erosion of the stream bank at the bottom of the site.

This is in danger of undermining the fence foundations. Felicity has met with Samantha Holmes from the Environment Agency working on a pro bono basis. Coir matting may allow marginal plants to get established and willow and elder saplings would help. Felicity has written a full report.

Wildlife Plot Pond

Lesley is looking to convert the existing leaking pond into a bog garden and to dig another slightly larger pond. Mark and Theo volunteered to help her.

Electricity supply to the Log Cabin

Quotes are being sought

Pipe Leak

John K alerted us that there may be a leak. Mike O'Leary the plumber is coming to service the taps and will have a look.

Communal Buildings Maintenance

John H is organising a work party to paint on preservative in due course.