

BHG Open Management Meeting 09.04.21

Distribution: To all members & posted on website

Present:

Beki, Richard, Deena, Tom, Andy, Pauline

	Action
<p>Portion Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bees: All hives look ok. Once the weather warms Richard will contact the bee group and others who have expressed interest suggesting 2pm Saturday and Wednesday evening group sessions. Beki reported a new more accessible level area at the top of her land and adjacent to the small polytunnel has been prepared for hives to be relocated later in the year. • Veg: the group have reconvened now, and are joined by a young family who will take on the lowest vegetable bed by the polytunnel. Late cold season has meant low germination rates so far but first peas now planted out and more seed started, things will catch up quickly once the weather gets warmer. Still plenty of fresh veg to harvest, lettuce in the polytunnel, brassicas and leeks in the garden. <p>Ducks: Lost one duck who didn't like to go into the house, but the remaining five are laying and there should be 5 eggs daily. Bird flu controls have been lifted so the pond and run can now be opened up and cleaned.</p> <p>Goats: Are being fed a small amount for now as beet has been eaten, more forage on the field as the season progresses. Beki reported there is a possibility of loaning Ava and Ami to a rehab hospital nearby in Wales between Pontypool and Abergavenny; the site is very well fenced with a shelter and donkeys already on site. It would suit their sociable and affectionate nature as their job would be interacting with the patients. It is a closed site but they could be followed on facebook. Agreed it was a good idea, Beki to discuss with the portion members.</p> <p>Community Orchard: Andy is happy to lead, and reported he has been in contact with Gloucestershire Orchard Trust and has joined us up free for one year. They put him in touch with orchardist Martin Hayes who will visit site and offer advice on tree numbers, placing and protection, Andy will circulate possible dates for a site visit. Discussion followed on how the orchard would involve the community; as there is no community field other than the playing field where young trees would be vulnerable to damage and BHG is a community small holding the orchard area could be opened up to and operated by anyone in the community interested in being in the group. Ideas about where trees could be located within the village itself could include involving the school, and the Parish Council (Note there are already a few Blakeney Red pear trees at the south entrance to the village on the right hand side planted by the parish some years ago). It was also proposed to post the project on Blakeney Residents Page asking for ideas and interest, Andy will circulate wording Beki and Barbara? To take photos of the existing fruit trees in the orchard.</p>	AS/BH
<p>Tool Library: Beki reported back on interest being generated and is hoping to find suitable recruits to maintain and run the library supporting Beth in management.</p>	
<p>Matters outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car stickers Beki to look at printing costs • Insurance: Kate's details currently on the policy need to be updated to Beki's at the new registered address • Check fencing at the top of goat field with Tom to ensure it is secure from dogs. • New neighbors moving in have expressed interest in BHG, Beki still has bhg postcards printed a while ago, Kim suggested printing labels (she has suitable printer) for them 	BH BH/KW BH/TD

and posting in letterboxes, Beki to email wording	BH/KS
Finance: Accounts forwarded for the funding application	
Fundraising: Awards 4 All: Beki presented the breakdown of amounts per element, all agreed. There is enough for nine trees possibly more if we do the stock protection from materials already on site. Application is complete and ready for submission by Beki.	BH
Raffle: <u>As required by the Gambling Act 2005, it is agreed and minuted at this meeting that Beki Hoyland and Kim Stevenson are authorized to countersign the return by promoter forms under the Gambling Act 2005</u>	
Kim will complete and submit the registration	KS
Ticket discussed and agreed to add Tool Library. Richard will add images to the poster as he receives them; posters to be put up in village shop, Post Office and Blakeney Hill Phone Box, and posted on our and Blakeney facebook pages. (Note if a pdf can be emailed to us we can send on to friends and family to promote ticket sales).	RA
It was agreed tickets to be all sold online on our website Mark to set up ticket form with purchaser's email contact and number of tickets required. Richard will work out how to allocate numbers and liaise with Mark; a book of corresponding numbered tickets can be used for the actual draw	RA/MM
AGM & Membership: Annual and Portion memberships renewals are due now. It was agreed to separate ducks into their own portion, Beki to work out costs based on last year and update the form, Mark to update online, Pauline to circulate with these minutes Portion leaders to do a couple of paragraphs and forward to Beki for the annual report	BH/MM PW
AOB: Beki to buy polytunnel repair sticky tape for both tunnels	BH
Date next open meeting: 14 th May 7pm	
AGM / Open Day 22 nd May 2pm, Chapel Field	