

BHG Open Meeting Notes 20.01.24

Distribution: To all members and posted on website

Present:

Beki, Rory, Becky, Kim, Cat

	Action
<p>Matters Outstanding: Companies House Returns: Micro-entity Balance sheet forwarded by Richard agreed; Richard and Rory to do a handover session then companies house to be notified Steve and Richard are stepping down, Kim, and Rory will be the new directors. Kim and Beki to meet and finalise Dirty Carrots accounts, and check membership subs Garden relocation: Beki has contacted small patch owner re setting up a rental agreement.</p>	<p>RD/RA KS/BH BH</p>
<p>Finance: Rory volunteered to be second signatory on bank account Fundraising and overheads are separate. Goats are in credit, some expenses to come out. Kim has asked for a second WhatsApp group to be set up for finance so it's easier to keep track of. Beki has now set up BHG finance. Dirty carrots - Beki needs to claim money back for course on rural facilitation.</p>	<p>KS/RD BH</p>
<p>Communications and Marketing: Google drive - need to update permissions to ensure only authorised users can update. Folder structure also needs to be set up within google drive. Becky J/Rory to work with Pauline Aims and Objectives: We talked about what Blakeney Growers remit is and what it means to us as members. General consensus was; Knowledge sharing Community involvement Access to home grown produce/products Spreading the message on food and importance of where it comes from.</p>	<p>RD/BJ/PW</p>
<p>Membership: membership list is out of date and needs a refresh. Becky J volunteered to be marketing person and this will come under that.</p>	<p>BJ</p>
<p>Insurance: Renewal due, Chris Knott reminder has arrived. Policy expires 30th December. Allotments society renewal paid up to date, Pauline has emailed previous policy schedule to Kim. This years renewal should have been emailed direct to Beki</p>	<p>KS/BH</p>
<p>Portion Update: Goats Stopped milking. Luna and Lyra are hopefully in kid and due in April. All looking healthy. Should we lend Blossom out to be a friend for a lonely old goat? No objections on the committee. Need goat working day after 10th February, Rob has agreed to fix the steps. Garden Most of work is down at the bottom, still harvesting crops and watering at Chapel Field. Fence is done and the fence along the road is down and ready to be coppiced. Quotes coming in for sycamore to be coppiced. Planning permission says polytunnel has to come down when we leave . We'll probably store it for future repurposing. Tool shed also has to be relocated to goat field garden. Garage roof and door is broken, with the land overgrown. Beki has asked if she and</p>	

Mark can buy or lease the land with the view of then leasing it to BHG. Owner is happy to consider selling but for the right price. Beki has put an offer in but is waiting to hear back.

Stone barn needs fencing off, not BHGs responsibility it belongs to Kenny.

Bees

No update

Chickens

conversation around whether we should start up again. Challenges in the past have been keeping them safe from foxes. If we were to restart we'd have to accept they do need to be fenced in during the day. Need someone to get it off the ground.

Events / Fundraisers:

Mark to set up a calendar for future events on the website

Easter egg hunt Saturday 6th April

- What's our main purpose? If it's to get more people outside of BHG then we may have to think of holding it somewhere other than Kim's - maybe the youth club?

Need a volunteer to do a new route. Venue to be at the new growing area, ideally keep numbers to a similar size as last year.

Cat volunteered her garden for BBQ. Beki to talk to James and Lucy to see how involved they want to be.

Blakeney garden club visit - Have asked if they could come for a visit on the 10th April. Some volunteers to show the club around in the evening would be great.

AGM and Plant sale Saturday 18th May Beki's garden

Blakeney school summer fete - 8th June, thoughts on anything we can do to get involved. Smoothie bike, cooking classes.

Apple and Pumpkin Day Saturday 19th October Blakeney Youth Club

Carols with the goats and mince pies after Sunday 24th December

AOB:

Smoothie bike - Beki to investigate whether Yorkley mend and repair would be interested in making a nuke for the community. Cat to try the man who does up bikes for the hospice.

Dates next open meetings:

Agreed generally every 3rd Saturday of the month

Date of next meeting:

Saturday 16th March 2024 4pm venue tbc

Working Parties: Goat field 8.30-10.30am Saturdays to be resumed through the winter
Veg Garden 10-12 Saturdays

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BH