

## First Draft Minutes of FoMSP Quarterly Meeting

8 Montgomery Street, 8:30 p.m., 29th November 2010

### 1. In attendance:

Chris Rankin, Christine Rigouleau, Tasca Shadix, Geraldine Debard, Julienne Thurrott

### 2. Apologies: Michael Davidson

### 3. Previous minutes/actions:

\* WREN application: WREN have agreed to contribute towards funding for fence removal. They have asked us to contribute about 500 pounds as WREN gives 85% funding. Ritchie F. will therefore have to find 7000 pounds for the project. Should know by the end of the year!

\* Tasca re-did membership email system using google groups, which appears to be working well.

\* Orchard: funding received at Leith Decides. We need to think about how to communicate with Mr. Crabb at Leith Walk Primary and John Hancox about getting the trees and getting together to plan the planting, etc. Planting occurs by the end of February. We discussed perhaps minimizing the fanfare around the planting, and other ways to discourage vandalism of the trees.

**ACTION: JULIENNE**

\* Thanking tombola donors – they were thanked on our website.

\* Discussed the events of this busy autumn: bulb planting – done! Squirrels are eating our bulbs! Halloween – a fun event! Pergola sorting – done!

\* We discussed the ongoing need for new members, especially those keen to volunteer. Discussed putting a mention of the next quarterly meeting on Facebook with a request for members. As the next meeting isn't until March, we might publicize it better beforehand as a more explicit invitation. We can announce that we'll be doing the planning for the year's events (clean-ups, bulb planting, fairs, Halloween, picnics, etc) at that meeting. We can also advertise for the Events Planner position at that time.

Also discussed sending out a "holiday" newsletter now with a re-cap of all that we've done over the autumn, plus the Leith Decides funding and news from WREN. In that newsletter we can also appeal for new volunteers!

**ACTION: CHRIS (Newsletter?)**

\* We discussed more proactively inviting Friends of Hillside and Calton to come to the meetings and to collaborate more with us, (and vice versa) and it was agreed this was a good idea.

\* Discussed avoiding burn-out, and it was agreed that the above propositions for getting new members, as well as a nice winter break for the Committee, would be a good idea. :) Happy and safe holidays to all!