

RHS Committee Meeting

13 March 2023 / 07:30 PM / MEETING

Meeting details

Roundhill Pub, Ditchling Road

Attendees

Julia Valentine, Gary Jenkins, Dominic Furlong, Christopher Paul, Jamie Aitchison, Stefania Rosso, PCSOs Lauren & Charlie

Apologies: Eva Wendler, Raphael Hill (Green Party), Laura-Kate Roe

Agenda

1. Present and absent
2. Police liaison update (Chris)
 - Path through Sylvan Hall
 - Chris is working with Sylvan Hall on creating a safer path through the grounds
 - Property act funding - can apply once every three years
 - Application needs to be more specific eg trellis along cats creep to reduce graffiti - would need gardening support to plant climbers up trellis
 - Other ideas for deterring graffiti / drug dealing
 - Install a (fake) camera - pay for that ourselves - would need permission from houses - put up signage about CCTV
 - Dominic has already asked council about lighting in the cat creep but they never prioritise it
3. Treasurers update - to be sent round next time - little to update for this meeting since last time
4. Planning consultations - Michael Doyle will send a draft to us for review by end of next month (according to Dominic)
5. Special projects update (Dominic)
 - Defibrillator update - Sussex Heart Charity subsidises this so we can get two - one has been agreed at Roundhill pub - Martha Gunn being asked next - organising training with the charity and paramedics to be held at Roundhill pub
 - Pocket park update: Re-submitted application to council - waiting to hear from case officer as to whether it goes out to planning consultation
 - Dominic confirmed we'll get £1k for pocket park from council

6. Reporter successfully delivered thanks to Jo & Gary, with final editions to be delivered by Good Gym tomorrow evening. Will start planning Summer edition from next month
 - Next one send to committee for review before publication
7. Good Gym update (Stefania)
 - Can the next project be cleaning the cat creep once the toads have moved on, suggested timing late May (always on a Tuesday evening)
 - Gareth from City Clean can provide what's needed eg bags and gloves - Stefania to ask
 - Stefania to get estimates for paints and brushes for graffiti for area by Upper Lewes Road to get Good Gym in the area in April - review paying for resources directly with Gary
8. Community events update (Laura-Kate)
 - Becoming the official events officer for RH society committee
 - Dates
 - Annual street party end of July - Roundhill pub can provide PA system
 - Next street plays (and notifying police in advance of the dates) - combining with other events 21 May combined w plant sale & Halloween party
 - We got funding for street barrier, tea and coffee, chalk and face paint - we're in the running for Brighton soup funding - could win £500
 - Suggest extra committee meeting to discuss these events and ensure Laura-Kate has sufficient support - Dominic suggested Rachel Walker daubigny road might like to join
9. Website update
 - We've had 978 unique visitors to the site this year
 - Half of these were from people searching for terms such as: round hill, florence road market, cat creep
10. Local Greens update (Julia on behalf of Raphael)
 - Zero waste initiative
 - Heidi Green considered collecting waste as a local business
 - Composting in the community - could be an option on Princes Crescent near corner of Wakefield Rd?
 - Could work with Brighton Food Partnership
11. Matters arising
12. AOB
 - Dog mess
 - Eva doing brilliant job of poo stencilling and gained new support from dog walkers who were willing to clean up mess of other dogs
 - Poster
 - Could we do a dog owner session
 - Dominic has been asked by residents to get more "Slow Down" posters printed - particularly for the bottom of Wakefield Road and Prince's Crescent

Matters Arising

- Xmas Window prize for Heidi Green - agreed on £30 Roundhill pub vouchers
- Stefania calendar
 - Events
 - Street play x 2
 - Annual street party
 - RH reporter releases
 - Xmas windows
 - Carol singing
- Julia's news and planning ahead for next meeting

Action Items

- Chris: send briefing document for police funding application to rhs_committee@googlegroups.com
- Stefania: ask Gareth from City Clean to provide resources for cleaning the cat's creep in May
- Stefania: get estimates for paints and brushes for graffiti for area by Upper Lewes Road to get Good Gym in the area in April - review paying for resources directly with Gary
- Dominic: send applications to Stefania to record in the drive
- Jamie: put up anti dog mess posters
- Stefania: create a Google calendar, add dates mentioned above in events section, and share with relevant people
- Julia: get in touch with Laura-Kate about events extra meeting idea
- Eva: get prize for Heidi Green for winning xmas windows competition

Next Date and Agenda Items for next Meeting

Next meeting date: 24th April

Location: Roundhill pub