

## **Minutes of Guilden Sutton Green Space Steering Group 14/11/19**

Attendees: Sarah Jessop, Brian Lewin, Tony Fisher, Derek Hughes  
Apologies: Alan Davis, Izzie Reid, Amy Edwards, Reza Rahmani-Torkaman, John Jessop

### **1. Minutes and actions from last meeting**

Agreed

### **2. Brief Project Updates**

- Mersey Forest – meeting has been held with Paul Nolan, director of the Mersey Forest project, involving members of steering group and parish councillors. Purpose – to discuss revised project timeline (extended period of time required for legal work on purchase has pushed tree planting from winter 2019/20 to winter 2020/21), and impact of this on potential funding from the Mersey Forest project  
*SJ liaising with Mersey Forest*
- Planning permission – application is in progress at CWAC, currently awaiting feedback from highways team *SJ liaising with planning officer*

### **3. Legal work**

- The legal process is taking longer than originally anticipated. We are in close contact with Lisa Tiplady, clerk to the parish council, and the solicitor.

### **4. Publicity**

- Time to issue a project update via mailing list  
*SJ/BL*
- Agreed to ask for a stall at the Christmas Lights switch-on  
*TF, BL and SJ all available to cover*

### **5. What next?**

- There is now a window of opportunity until the purchase is complete, and then once the land is purchased but before tree-planting in the winter.
- Ideas for best use of this time include; grant applications (once purchase complete), a launch event – hopefully summer time, specification/tendering/installation of hard landscaping – subject to funding, research/experience of community tree-planting, assessment of trees and hedgerows on site.
- A timeline can be worked out once we have a better idea of when the purchase can be completed.

## **6. AOB**

- Meeting w Amanda Pritchard to walk site – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Tree Course – Brian currently attending a 4-day course on trees and woodlands at the Countess Park, run by the Woodland Trust
- Government funding announced for ‘pocket parks’ – not suitable for the Green Space, but possibly for the ‘no ball games’ site at the top of the steps? – agreed to look at the funding guidance to assess feasibility
- Two community tree-planting events coming up – at Hob Hey Wood, Frodsham on 24<sup>th</sup> November, and Croxteth Park, Liverpool on 30<sup>th</sup> November

## **7. Dates of future meetings**

- Joint Working Group meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- GS Steering Group – to be agreed
- Parish Council meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December