

DUNKELD AND BIRNAM @THE FIELD TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Tuesday 30th April 2019
St Jerome's, Dunkeld

1. **Present:** J Small, D Bee, S Davidson, S Howe, R Gunn, L Simpson, E Baillie, J Cockburn, R Simpson, D Roberts (last part)
2. **Apologies:** D Amos, M Hand
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved after minor corrections
4. **Membership:** No Information, Dave Amos away
5. **Finance:** Balance on 15.3.19 was £14,461, £2894 spent in this financial year already. This was due to late submission of invoices e.g. Harvest Supper and other major outlays e.g. compost, irrigation system, barrows, lease costs.

6. **Administration:**

- **Safeguarding:** no issues raised
- **Coop Grant:** Decisions to be coordinated by **Maddy** re stall upgrades e.g. boxes, aprons etc.
- Resend message to members to allocate coop points to the field. **Dave R**
- Video: We await a brief of the plans.
- Date of Harvest Supper and AGM: This should be on November 1st
- Date of Summerfest: This should be on 1st September. Confirmation needed from Jess Climate Change group. **Dave R**
- Visit: Sunday 19th /Monday 20th May from Camel CSA member and Soil Association Trustee. **Dave R**
- Food and Drink week: no new volunteers. Questionnaires returned to Com Ed

7. **The Field:**

- Plot 1: Discussion on experience of using woven black ground cover for onions. Technique for burning holes being refined. Hope that negatives such as small discs being created and use of gas will be outweighed by multiple seasons' usage. More woven black membrane needed for planting leeks through. **Raymond**
No Dig beds: all made, bar a possible new one for beetroot; **paths need weeding;**
Discussion re bringing in compost and /or covering ground with green manures. There are short term manure seeds such as mustard ,medium term like buckwheat and phacelia and beans as well as longer or overwintering mixes. Suggestion to cover a whole bed in compost after harvesting?

- Plot 2: Peas and beans and courgettes: The posts are now erected for climbing plants; **netting to be hung, membrane for courgettes to be laid with planting holes;**
- Plot 3: brassica: underlay with black fleece, paper and green manure. Rake a little.
More canes needed to support blue hoops. **Robert**

8. Kitchen Garden: Lots of seeds sown with much **about to be planted out.** **Sandy** to coordinate. Lots of input from folk.

9. Big Polytunnel:

- Started laying out watering system; more parts required; Plants being brought on in **Sandy's** greenhouse. Sandy hopes to plant it up. **Who will take on the cultivation and maintenance over the summer? Maddy, Dave A and Hari have offered to look after it.**

A plan and timetable is needed to help with this. Sandy

10. Herb Bed: Suggestions made. Volunteers to be approached to help with ideas and plan.

11. Fruit Trees and Cage: A lot of work here done to tidy it e.g. Elaine and Jane

12. Mowing plans: HC unwell so **others need to mow**. Be clear what new plan is:
e.g. round edges of each plot, bracken by fence, dandelions before seeding, pathways through Orchard area, keep front off shed area mown.

Hand mowers can cut paths between plots.

Strimming: dockens must be cut back. Our contract gardener Toby is unable to continue this year.

He offered another gardener name. **Linda**

AOCB: Olive green Hessian sandbags try out: **Sarah**

Two new folding chairs: **Sarah**

Wild flower mix: for under fruit trees **Sarah**

Offer of daffodil bulbs: tentative acceptance for under fruit trees. **Raymond**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th June, at the field at 7pm