

MINUTES OF THE 201ST GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023
AT 142, COURT LANE, DULWICH

Present Jeremy Prescott Chair
 Jean Cary-Elwes Hon Sec
 Ann Rutherford
 Elizabeth Rankin
 Carol Britton
 Joanna French

- 1 **Minutes** of the 200th meeting were signed by the Chair.

2. **Brochure update** – from AR
 - Fewer gardens will be opened for charity this year. Brochure will go out with the March edition of the DS magazine. Brian Green's last edition as editor.
 - 26th January is the deadline for the printers. Advertising is in hand, with a quarter page DS ad.
 - ER to send contact details of allotments to AR

3. **Talks** – CB and JP
 - Sue Fisher, a garden writer, to give zoom talk 7.30pm Tuesday 28th February entitled 'Gardening for Climate Change'. Organised by Bell House. Advertised on Bell House website. Tickets via Eventbrite. To be advertised in DS newsletter, InView and Around Dulwich (website for SE21 magazine)
 - Martin Duncan, head gardener at Arundel – in-person meeting at Bell House, 7.30pm Wednesday 29th March. Title of talk and photos needed. CB has asked him for a theme and will phone for information on this. Possibly 'Gardens at Arundel Castle'? JP to send CB photo. JCE and CCE to organise refreshments post talk.

4. **Local visits update** – JF and JP – suggestions:
 - Geffrye Museum (the Museum of the Home) May/June

Plants are well labelled, narrow separate areas, divided by period – eg Tudor, Georgian, interesting herb garden. Easy to get to – Hoxton overground. Independent transport. 35 minutes from Sydenham station. JF to contact head gardener, Near to St Mary's Garden – possible combined visit.

- Tyrrell Evans tour of Grange Lane allotments. May/June? or
- Visit to Horniman Gardens

5. **Projects update – JP**

- Pitching to Southwark Council's Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund on 18th January re funding for Dulwich Village Roundabout and for Clark's Green for renovation and replanting.
- Nick Shattock will also pitch to the CGS fund for renovation and replanting of the Court Lane raised beds.
- CB and JP to investigate clearing and improving the land between the railway and the walkway by West Dulwich Station.
- CB contacted Simone Crofton of the DE re lights, flower planters and cameras on the land behind the Park Hall shops.

6. **Journal**

Brian Green has asked us to produce a piece on why the rhododendrons in Dulwich Park do so well.

7. **AOB**

Coach trip Wednesday 5th July to Sussex Prairie Garden near Hickstead. £35 per head - £800 for the coach – talk and coffee – plant sales. Leave before lunch for Wakehurst Place, National Trust property, lunch, tour and shop.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 15th March. JF cannot attend,

9. **Deadlines –**

- Spring Journal & Garden Brochure copy by 26 January 2023;
- eNewsletter by 25th of each month

Signed by.....*Jim Prescott*.....Chair

Date.....*8/3/23*.....