203RD GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.30AM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT

Jeremy Prescott, Ann Rutherford, Jean Cary-Elwes, Katharine St John Brookes, Carol Britton

1. **Minutes** of the last meeting were signed. **Apologies for absence** from Joanna French and Elizabeth Rankin

2. **Plans for next year/updates**

i. Brochure - Ann

JP in discussion with Jane Barnett, publisher, re increasing the rate for advertisers and using the "allotments" page. The net cost of the brochures in 2023 was £1,000. AR to contact printer to discuss print costs, and perhaps using matt paper.

ii. Spring talk – Carol

CB and JP have shortlist –
Matthew Biggs, Gardeners QT
Tony Kirkham ex- Kew Gardens
Nicola Stockham – garden photographer,
Ben Pope, gardener,
Tom Massey, garden designer / author of "RHS Resilient Garden".
Talk date – ? a Wednesday in April at Bell House - can seat 65 people.
JCE and CCE to run the bar,
Surplus, after costs, to be donated to Bell House.

iii. Coach trip – Katharine

Suggested combined visit – Great Comp and Chartwell NT –
Suggested date Thursday 27th June 2024

Great Comp Gardens

KSB, AR, and Claudia R recc'd Great Comp. Small inside area for food, large barn being built not ready in 2024.
Tour group available for 25
Tour with William Dyson £100 – with senior gardener £50
Has 50 species of magnolias to see.
Garden highlights – May - rhododendrons and azaleas
June - William Dyson salvias are for sale.
July – hot borders
Best time to visit late June, early July
Suggest 2.25 hours for visit then drive to Chartwell approx. 10 miles.

Chartwell NT– home of Winston Churchill
Can seat 100 inside for lunch
A guide will provide tickets and maps on arrival
£14 to see the garden, £18 including tour of the house – timed tickets

KSB recceing Chartwell by end September

Publicity
DS Journal – 1st March and 1st June
Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity brochure
Emails / eNewsletters

iv. Local visits – to be discussed – JF but possibly Horniman museum and The Charterhouse in the City

3. Project updates- Jeremy

i. Burial Ground – Spring bulb planting in October

ii. Clark's Green bench plinths - scheduled for October half-term, £2,300 grant from Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer fund.

iii. Dulwich Village roundabout - £1,500 award from CGS

iv. Court Lane raised beds
Court Lane Residents' Association secured a £3,500 grant from Southwark Council's Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) fund to repair the stonework
A group of Court Lane residents have volunteered to help.
JP may apply to the MPGA for a grant to buy additional roses.

v. Dulwich Vegetable Garden greenhouse -
The Dulwich Society made an award of £500

vi. MGPA Bulbs for London / Elms4London - applications invited from November

4. AOB

Date for next meeting – November Wednesday 8th 2023

Signed by.....Jhr Rescott.....**Chair**

Date.....8/11/23.....