Dulwich Society gardens committee – minutes of meeting 11 March 2024

Present: Jeremy, Joanna, Carol, Katherine, Elizabeth, Ann
Apologies: Jean

1. Minutes of meeting 8th January 2024
Agreed by all and signed by Jeremy.

2. Open garden brochure - Ann
Last year's distribution list was discussed and amended, copy with Jeremy. Jeremy circulated the list of distribution rounds from last year, discussed and amended main list. 5000 copies of the Garden Brochure were printed this year.

3. Spring gardens talk Friday 26th April - Carol and Jeremy
The link to the talk was circulated, ticketed via Bell House. Publicity is via the garden brochure & Journal, DS website and Twitter accounts, Enews, Around Dulwich, Lambeth Horticultural Society, etc. Good ticket sales to date.

4. Coach trip, Thursday 27th June, Great Comp & Chartwell - Katharine
Will be popular, sold 15 tickets so far. Publicity in the Journal and the brochure, DS website, etc and will send an email out in April if needed.

5. Local visits

i. Museum of the Home gardens, Tuesday 21st May - Joanna / Jeremy.
Ticketing and publicity from mid-March.

ii. Grange Lane Allotments, 3pm Sunday 14th [now 7th] July - Jeremy.
Ticketing and PR in due course. GLA would like us to visit on Sunday 14 July, Jeremy can't make 14th, Carol kindly agreed to host i.e. meet the people there. Tyrrell Evans will take people around.

iii. Fulham Palace Gardens, Wednesday 4th [now 18th] September – Joanna/Jeremy. Ticketing and PR in due course. Joanna organised for 4 September, but possibly delay it by a couple of weeks as the Dulwich Society Journal comes out c1 September. Joanna visited in January and felt it will be wonderful in September.

iv. RHS Library, Victoria, October TBA - Jeremy
Said to be really good, many Botanical drawings, perhaps in October. Jeremy may organise, several people were interested.

6. Dulwich Estate
i. Garden guidelines - Jeremy gave comments a couple of years ago which are finding their way in to revised guidelines re garden levels and drainage, trees.
ii. Would a garden working group be possible? - qv whips on the South Circular, Scheme of Management areas.

iii. Jeremy will walk round the Scheme of Management amenity areas with Oliver Stutter re planting and maintenance
iv. 1,000 English bluebells planted in the Village Copse by the Dulwich Park Friends.

7. Dulwich Society
Jeremy happy to remain as Chair of the committee and as a DS Trustee to May 2025, which was agreed by all.

8. Future garden talks - Carol and Jeremy
We have tried to identify future speakers, mainly from the Perennial, Garden Media Guild and RHS Affiliated Societies' lists. Possible runners discussed as per the agenda. Jeremy's own favourites from this exercise are Ben Pope (Growing your own flowers), Alison Marsden (How to have a great front garden), Ambra Edwardes (What makes a great Head Gardener),

Thoughts and other ideas welcome, the more specific the better. We could consider two talks in 2025.

10. Date of next meeting:
22nd May 2024 at Jeremy's house, 10.30am

Suggested dates for the rest of the year:
Monday 24 June
Monday 16 September
Monday 18 November

Approved..... J Mehrotra .....

Date..... 22/05/24 .....