

GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY

MINUTES OF 195TH MEETING OF THE GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 11.00AM

Present: Jeremy Prescott, Ann Rutherford, Carol Britton, Elizabeth Rankin,
Jean Cary-Elwes

1. **Apologies & Minutes** of last meeting

There were no apologies and the minutes of the 194th Meeting were signed by the Chair.

2. **Disclosure of conflicts of interest**

Two matters relevant to our group arising from a Special General Meeting of the Dulwich Society held in July were:

i. **Conflicts of interest**

There is an established conflicts of interest policy in place for the trustees of the Society ("the Executive Committee").

In the case of sub-committee members, members are asked to notify sub-committee chairs of any interests including membership of organisations with respect to which there is a risk of a conflict with the sub-committee's work. The sub-committee chairs will maintain a register of such interests. Sub-committee members, whenever they consider they have a conflict with an item being discussed at the sub-committee, will draw this to the attention of the sub-committee. After disclosure, the executive or sub-committee member may be asked to leave the room for the discussion and may not be able to take part in the decision depending on the judgement of the other committee or sub-committee members present at the time. Any such disclosure and the subsequent actions taken will be recorded in the minutes.

Committee members confirmed they had no potential conflicts of interest in relation to agenda items.

ii. **Minutes**

It was agreed that minutes of all its sub-committees would be published on the Dulwich Society website, which we will do under the "Gardens" section of the website for this and future meetings.

3. **Dulwich Open Gardens brochure**

There will be a full colour brochure for 2022, compared to the cut-down version in 2021 (this was cut down to avoid a possible repeat of the financial hit in 2020, when we were unable to distribute the brochure so waived advertising income). Printed copies will be distributed as per our distribution list.

The brochure will also be on the Dulwich Society website

There will be no dulwichopengardens.org website in 2022 (used in 2021 to give more photos of individual gardens, to compensate for the cut-down brochure).

Jayne Barnett will be asked to organise the advertising.

4. **Spring talk**

Nick Bailey's talk via a Zoom organised by Bell House was interesting and received very positive feedback.

Some attendees suggested that they would have appreciated a plant list.

Bell House to be used again, maybe with more than one talk possible each year with the Zoom format.

Suggestions for speakers for next year (CB/JP to progress):

- Fergus Garrett or Aaron Bertelson of Great Dixter,
- Jamie Harris of Polesden Lacey,
- Kate Robinson of Charterhouse,
- Nicola Stocken, photographer
- Jane Knowles. Head Gardener at the Royal College of Physicians,
- Joe Swift

5. **Garden visits**

Possible Coach tour (JP to scope out the visit and likely demand)

- Coach to Polesden Lacey with tour, then on to Wisley.
- Dulwich Society has a group RHS membership.
- Covid restrictions must be followed – hand sanitising, masks on the coach, double-vaccinations.

Local visits (JP to investigate)

Suggestions

- Dulwich Park tour with head gardener.
- Olympic Park tour with Gerry Kelsey, former head gardener at Dulwich Park, JP to investigate
- The Chase in Clapham – Mr Rutherford has agreed in principle
- Wayne Amiel;
- Bell House monthly opening plus guide;
- Charterhouse - guided City and Inns of Court gardens;
- Sky Garden at 20 Fenchurch Street;
- Crossrail/Thames Barrier;
- Barbican Conservatory;
- Lambeth Palace

International

- Highline, New York via Zoom – JCE to investigate

6. **Workshops**

- Sarah and Ellie at Bell House may organise some that we could publicise to DS members
- Propagation – JCE?
- Wormery – JCE to demonstrate in spring or summer when worms are active.

- 7 **Scheme of Management**
 DS trying to encourage more trees and planting in the non-SoM area of the Dulwich Estate.
8. **Articles** for the Journal - ideas welcome
9. **Publicity**
 @DulwichGarden tweets in 2021 were very effective publicity for Garden Group activities with multiple tweets and re-tweets.
10. **Dulwich Society grants** - ideas welcome
 In 2021, Horniman Museum boundary area was awarded £500.
- Suggestions:
- Sydenham Hill Wood paths (in hand)
 - Court Lane raised beds (JCE)
 - note the work of Friends of Gypsy Hill/Denmark Hill stations
 - City Bridge Trust greening funds available
 - Southwark Council Allotment Expansion available
- 11 **AOB**
 A children's competition - 'Who can grow the tallest sunflower?': ER to progress
- 12 **Date of Next Meeting** -
 Monday 15th November at 10am at AR's.

Signed by

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