

St James' Live Simply Garden Project Meeting Notes

Tuesday 25 February 2014 - 8.00pm
Presbytery (283 Crescent Drive)

Attendees: **Joe Falzon, Mel Deasy, Teresa Wells**

1. Work done so far

How last year went

All work that we set out to do was achieved and on time. Conifers removed and two areas dug out. Woodland Trust trees all planted. We will re-plant any damaged trees with our spares. Waterlogged area has drained ok and all trees still in position and growing well. Weeds growing through so that's a good sign. I noticed that the tree in the corner has been cut down as required now.

2. Next Steps

Planting Plans

Digging Beds

Create Shopping List to include plants, hard landscaping and benches etc

Planting Plans to be created. Everyone assigned an area to work on. Joe will email those areas to everyone to remind them. Joe to oversee and approve all of the plans.

Beds to be marked and dug out in the Quiet/Prayer, Woodland and Wildlife areas. Pond to dig out. General weeding and tidying up.

We have pond plants already donated by Jan Bajorek. He's looking after them until we're ready for them.

From planting plans create a shopping list that is priced so that donations can be made against them including benches etc.

3. Timing / Planning

Next Garden session – March (subject to soil conditions)

Next Garden session **Saturday 29 March at 9.30am** subject to ground conditions being ok.

Our aim is to have the garden in its initial phase in a reasonable state of completion and planted by July for the Live Simply Award. As this is an on-going project there will still be a lot to do and finalising planting in accordance with our planting plans. This will also depend on donations available.

4. Organising work parties

Communicate next garden session date via email, Briefly and Poster in Church porch

Send email out with details as usual to notify usual participants of next garden session. Hopefully now that the really hard work is complete more people might turn up. Our core group would be able to manage the next stages ok anyway.

5. Communications to Parish

Briefly information / Website updates / Other ideas / Posters

Joe to keep Roger updated and to provide poster for Church to notify of next garden session.

6. A.O.B

Talk to Roger regarding his contact for helping us with building the raised beds.
Organise a working party where people can participate in building the raised beds.

7. Arrange Next Meeting

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