

Dear All,

Notes from our meeting today:

**Price List**

**Agreed to round up or down to 10p**

**Agreed to make the following changes:**

Chillies - fixed price 50g, 67p - 50p - 10p each

Augbergines- no discount 50p

Barlotti Beans to add

Endamame to add

Fix price of peppers - no discount

Change squashes to small, medium, large, v large 50p, 1.50, 2.50, 4.00 - no discount

Cooking apples - by weight

2nd earlies - rather than Charlotte

**Seeds**

John has purchased most of the seeds, just Red Alert bush tomatoes to buy.

**Pea supports**

Looks like we will be using pea sticks this year.

Pea net - will try this option this year

Heras fencing still being explored. Ashley offered to lend a couple for trying out but the issue is transporting them. Ask around for someone with a van / second hand ones from builders.

**Action: Ashley to ask Claire if we can borrow 2 panels and, if so, ask in newsletter if anyone has a van to transport**

**Potatoes**

Must plant Charlotte deeper

**Fruit Tree Pruning**

Agreed to have a fruit session designated specifically in the summer eg a Wednesday evening

**Compost Bins**

Need another compost bin as well.

**Weed Bins**

Need to build some more bins to put the weeds in. John W has spoken to Rob and the construction team should be able to build them in the middle of February. The bins need to be enclosed to cut out the light. Need to have a look, measure up and decide the best location. The £150 in budget for bins, so there is money for some black plastic. Agreed that it would be good to find an alternative to plastic - could put in a roof possibly?

**Manure**

John W has spoken to the manure supplier and we might not be able to get some for a while. If there is a lot in the spring then we could get a supply and store it for when it is needed and cover it in tarpaulin.

Need to put manure on a bit thinner; some had to be removed at the weekend. Need to check before we plant out crops.

**Leaf Mould**

To be used to cover potatoes if there is frost due.

**Rabbits & Rats**

Traps are down for rabbits and the holes are blocked.

John W spoken to Rob about rats and he is taking forward his action from the Director's meeting re certification for stronger rat poison.

**Walled area (greenhouse - polytunnel section)**

Needs to be done now if we are going to use it. Could use old weed suppression and cut holes through it but the worst weeds would have to be removed first.

Agreed to progress this in the next 6 weeks and get it ready to plant.

**Bonfires**

Site needs to be moved away from planting area. Soil gets compacted, the soil is damaged and weed suppression gets singed. Agreed site to be moved behind the wall.

**Propagator**

John F to sow red onion seeds in propagator while John W on holiday. John W to liaise with people about using space in their own propagators.

**Agreed to buy another propagator - Ashley to buy one and some more trays**

**Rhubarb**

Need to plant some more so that we can force some in jars to get early pink rhubarb.

Need to make a note of the good rhubarb to be able to divide it in future years.

**John W to check rhubarb on his allotment to try and divide.**

**Pond & Wildlife Area**

Need someone to lead the maintenance of that area.

Jerry has been taking on the nesting boxes and the pond, so that does seem to be taken care of.

Need to maintain the paths and remove the elm trees. The brambles need to be cut away and the trees cut down so that they don't fall on the fence.

**Agreed to cut out the dead elms in the next month or so.**

**Pruning of roadside hedge also required.**

**Labelling**

Need a lesson on what we need on labels and the importance.

**Netting**

Some of the netting has split.

There is a budget for netting, **agreed to buy some pea netting.**

**Secure store**

Rotavators are to be sold. This is in hand.

**Equipment**

Bob is repairing some spades and forks and will need to buy some more handles. Will see what money is left and then buy some long handles forks.

John W to investigate buying a couple more galvanised wheel barrows.

Need to do an audit of tools.

Rob is putting in another dip tank.

Greenhouse trays need checking for size and ordered. Need to check out staging as well.

**Paths**

More wood chip is needed to top up the paths

**Jobs for next 6 weeks:**

Agreed to cut out the dead elms

Pruning of roadside hedge

Compost & weed bins

Tool audit

Wood chip the paths

Cold frame area needs tidying, lids need checking and resurfacing with wood chip

See you at the garden

Justine