Hello everyone,

Notes from our meeting;

Likely we will be opening 7 days a week until 21 June - this does affect watering, cropping and jobs.

1. Watering
Equipment needed: 2 lances and hand operated sprinkler, some connectors as well. Oscillating sprinkler was lent by Amanda last year, but it got a bit broken at the end of the season. Agreed to use the hose to water the greenhouses. We do have the budget to buy another couple of 'leaky' hoses if needed.
Action: Ray to check make of his oscillating sprinkler
Action: Robin to check 'leaky' hoses over the next 2 days and water the fleeced beds

Rota: rota from last year found. Will be revised and sent round shortly. May need to ask others to help out.

Monday PM - Michael
Tuesday AM - team
Wednesday AM - Ray
Thursday AM - team
Friday
Saturday AM - team PM - Ray
Sunday AM Ray PM - Ashley/Claire

Action: John W going to check with Trevor, Bob & Amanda, finalise and issue rota

2. Staking

- Broad beans staked in a XX pattern to stop them falling
- Runner / climbing beans - using string
- Peas - 1 bed, using traditional sticks
- 2 beds of 5/6ft varieties- going to try and get some more string
- Drying beans - we could use teepees to avoid falling and be more robust. Coppicing being brought down by Amanda tomorrow so will need to be checked to see if there's enough. May be able to get more coppicing from Sheepleas, if needed.
- Sprouting broccoli and sprouts - Robin staked this year and it has worked brilliantly. Still have 100 to use for this season.

Large hoops - need some more blue tubing. Can get it from Chandlers.
Action: John W to order some or ask Rob too - following a check down at the gardens (John W and Robin) tomorrow

3. Fruit

- New pear has been planted
- John F and Ashley have reviewed the trees, all looking good
- Vines are budding nicely
- 2 new blackberries have been planted by Tim
- Need some more rhubarb next year so that some can be forced
- Bob has done a lot of pruning. Netting is going on fairly soon as the peas are going in there.

4. Flowers

- Helena would like to extend the daffodils. Could put them by the blackberries and by the apples

5. Job lists

- John W to start doing job lists again and use the white board

6. Cropping

- Agreed to allow cropping at any time. Ashley to email round active members to let everyone know about what is available for cropping.

7. Selling to the public

- Will probably start at the end of June, depending on data not dates!
- Need to ensure we keep produce for people at the gardens

8. Sowing and germination has gone very well apart from red onions which haven't come up at all

9. Action: Ray to decide how many tomatoes are needed for the polytunnel. Probably have twice what we need, so not necessary to pot them on. Will take seedlings down this week and agree what to pot on. Have some seed for outdoor tomatoes which will be going in soon. Need to be better staked.

10. Squash

- Agreed to sow the same number again

11. Aubergines

- Tim has sown 10 white clara and about 20 other Czech Early seedlings coming up
- Agreed to grow some outdoors this year

12. Labelling

- Need to prepare some outdoor labels ready to be used
- Any ideas very welcome

13. Price List

- **Justine to ensure Aubergines are on the list**

14. Staging

- Need to get a quote for more staging for the greenhouse. Tim and Ashley to progress when they are taking orders again.

15. Poly tunnel cover

- The new cover has arrived. Plan is to take the cover down on a Thursday and put it up again on Saturday. Bob to plan installation for the end of April, avoiding frosts!

16. Manure & Compost

- No more is expected. Quality of the last lot wasn't great, so let's leave it for a while.
- **Action: Robin to cover remaining pile with tarpaulin**

17. Netting

- Last year we did nearly run out.
- Agreed that we need another roll for this year.
- **Action: John W to order another roll**

18. Newsletter

- Agreed there is no need at the moment as there is limited cropping for now.