



Minutes of a meeting of Green Elephant Cooperative, held on 19/9/17, in the Seminar Room, Halton Mill.

Present:

Adele Armistead Gemma Gardener (Holistic Dreamz) Knud Hansen Fiona Frank Chris Coates
Alison Cahn. Stuart Parkinson (part).

The meeting was not quorate (new rules state need to be 7 members of whom 4 must be tenants).
No decisions were made.

Apologies. Mandy Blackwell, Andrea Brooks, Simon Grant.

1. Memorial to Ben Heron. We are planning a photography exhibition to take place around May, the anniversary of his death. Adele is looking at the works available.
2. New developments –
Changing Places Toilet – the surveyor sent by the company installing these toilets didn't spot that it wouldn't be possible to put the full size part for the Changing Spaces toilet in the space available. Once the parts were delivered the people from the installation company who were set to fit the parts realised that it wasn't possible to fit the full size Changing Spaces toilet facility. We will however have a hoist, a shorter tracking mechanism, and a movable changing bench, so people who need personal care and their carers will still be able to easily use the facility. We are currently waiting for a new date for fitting this facility.

Peoples Project grant – we have the opportunity of bidding for more funding to support our accessibility project. Gemma suggested that we should link our application to the cohousing project, ensure that we put in the reach of numbers attracted to the Mill, and add links to videos.

“Learning at the Mill” and new events programme – Fiona updated on the numbers reached by the new courses – 11 on the two bike maintenance courses, 5 on Portuguese, 4 on Colombian Cookery, 3 on several of the other courses . We will run a similar programme next term to see if the numbers pick up.

TENANTS AND MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO TAKE BROCHURES WITH THEM AND TOP UP BROCHURE SUPPLIES IN YOUR LOCAL OUTLETS

3. Community Business weekend
We are holding an open day on Friday 6 October as part of the 'Power to Change Community Business Weekend'. This will involve a free trial day in the Hive, a tour of the Mill at 1230 p.m., special offers in the Common House, and possibly STALLS in the Atrium (12 noon till 2 p.m.).

NOTE TO TENANTS – this has been flagged up in the autumn brochure and we will be publicising it further through social media. If you're interested in putting on a STALL publicising your work or your wares between 12 and 2 on Friday 6 October in the Atrium – please book a space with Fiona by close of play on Friday 29 Sept (greenelephantcoop@gmail.com) in order to be included in our publicity.

4. Renegotiating our lease with our landlord.

For this we need to improve our travel plan and also look at tenants' energy use.

1. Welcome leaflet.

Fiona showed people present our new 'welcome' leaflet which flags up the 'free drinks' vouchers for people who travel sustainably.

2. Carbon Coop

We had a presentation from Ben Aylott from Carbon Coop who explained the Nobel Grid project at Halton Mill and Lancaster Cohousing and showed some of the hardware being installed. Once the equipment is fully installed we will have another update for all tenants and others interested. This equipment will show us our real time use of generation of electricity from renewables (hydro and PG).