

## Meeting of the Volunteers of Sidcup Community Garden

12.30pm 10th October

Sidcup Place walled Garden

Attendees: There were approximately 12 volunteers present

1. Sarah Witney outlined a possible Japanese Knotweed problem – a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company has identified a deep rooted plant in the bed next to the tennis courts, to the left of the entrance as dwarf Japanese knotweed (*fallopian japonica* var. *compacta*). The council are to send their contractors to investigate
2. Rob Leitch has obtained the required paper work from the council. A Partnership Agreement needs to be completed, public liability insurance obtained and a risk assessment needs to be completed.
3. Sarah has requested some insurance quotes
4. There is also the need to appoint a committee to sign the agreement and agree the risks and mitigations.
5. Roger Harris, Tom Baker, Pauline ??, Anne Isenberg, Rob Leitch, Malcom ?? and Sarah Witney volunteered for roles and those present agreed.
6. Sarah is to be Secretary and Rob will be acting treasurer
7. Rob has asked volunteers if they agree to their email addresses being shared and only a couple have asked to be removed. Two additional members of the distribution list asked to be removed as they are not able to commit to the group
8. It was agreed that we would meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month during the winter**. This would make the **next meeting the 14<sup>th</sup> of November (1pm-4pm)**. The following work party will be on the **12<sup>th</sup> of December ( 9.30am-12.30pm)**.
9. A date will be set in half term for some planting - **Tuesday 27th October from 1000hrs.**
10. Generally, meetings will be held in the last 20 minutes of gardening sessions
11. The times are to be varied between morning and afternoon – the next session will be 1pm – 4pm, alternating with 9.30 – 12.30.
12. The bed next to the fence has part sponsorship but there was a suggestion that some rose bushes could also be planted the whole length of the bed and other plants added round them and that people may volunteer to plant commemorative roses. Rob will approach the News Shopper.
13. Mark Taylor and another council employee requested that no bonfires are lit.