



Children's Wood Newsletter

July/August 2019

Editor's note

Please find the first edition of our 2019/2020 Community Newsletter. We recognise that not all residents use Facebook and that there is something naturally attractive in holding a piece of paper. We put our previous editions in both Formats.

The paper edition, however, was previously available only sporadically, but will now be available bi-monthly, delivered to homes. In addition, as there are issues which affect the activities and well-being of our community – the impact of Global Heating, public consultations, certain planning applications and developments which impinge on our lives – future content will reflect this. At all times, the information will be accredited either as factual or expressed as opinion. We will consult the residents about its content and presentation after the first two or three editions. We are keen to include the opinion and activities of young people who are very much in the forefront of current events. Essentially we are moving to a community newsletter as a trial.

The Children's Wood AGM Report Overview

We've had another brilliant year. A lot has happened. We've continued our schools and community work through our community events e.g. Harvest Festival, Halloween and the West-end Festival, our weekly playgroups and intergenerational clubs. We have continued and developed the gardening and land maintenance and introduced a mental health programme. New projects we have brought to the land through our collaborations with others are: the **Beedookit**, **The Reason I Jump**, **The Labyrinth** and during 2018 we secured planning permission for the shed to upgrade it to a community hub. We started a new project to support vulnerable young people in the community through our

G20 Youth Festival and this has brought funding from Glasgow City Council as well as other funding.

Coming up this year: The Children's Wood will become an official **Forest School** to train (mostly young) people in internationally recognised Forest School qualifications SCQF, the growth of social prescribing by local GP's and the continuation of the Youth Festival and the current outdoor schools and community activities. We find out the result of our **Asset Transfer** request later in 2019. In the next couple of months we'll be submitting our building warrant and progressing with the shed development later this year - this will involve crowd funding.



Wee Rebellion: XR families, an Ecology and Climate Crisis protest group for families and young people in Scotland, as Extinction Rebellion takes the global issue on board. Various events - including the Kelvingrove "die-in" under the visiting (but extinct!) diplodocus - have taken place and more are planned, to impress on politicians the catastrophic consequences of further delay in addressing Climate Heating.

Weekly activities

Community gardening Tue & Wed
10-4

Volunteer Action Day: Gardening
and Land maintenance jobs 6th July
10am -4pm

Outdoor Playgroup normally
Wednesday 10am-12 noon;
Friday 11-1pm. Restarts 19th August

Saturday all-ages outdoor play and
tools 10-12 noon.

For Monthly events and G20 Youth
Club, please see the website.

NEWS

Plastics consultation:

Glasgow City Council wants your views on how to reduce single use plastics:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Plastic2019/>

Bee corridor

The Independent reported that London is to build a 7-mile 'bee corridor' of wild flowers to boost dwindling numbers of pollinators, and Rotherham is aiming for 8 miles.

Apparently 97% of wild flowers have been lost in the UK since the 1940s. Many wild bees sleep in flowers – perhaps Glasgow could establish a bee corridor also – any suggestions?.

Hydrogen Train: The UK's first prototype Hydrogen Fuel Train was unveiled in June. Electrifying the rail network is costly, diesel pollutes, so hydrogen-powered locomotives are seen as another weapon in our fight against Climate Catastrophe.

A New Climate Narrative driven by the Guardian newspaper for the media to use includes the terms Global Heating and Climate Catastrophe to replace "change" and "warming".

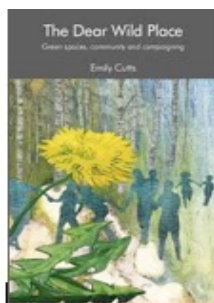
Glasgow School of Art: MSPs are demanding a Public Enquiry one year on from the second fire.

Parking Charges: Since 30th June, free Sunday parking in Glasgow city centre has been withdrawn.

All proceeds from

"The Dear Wild Place",

Emily Cutts's book about the Children's Wood and the benefit of nature and community, will go back into the community and the land.



North Kelvin, our Community Council (NKCC)

As well as representing the community to the local authority, Community Councils can facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities. They can bring local people together to help make things happen, and many Community Councils protect and promote the identity of their community. Some examples:

- carry out projects to enhance their community for all types of citizens: elderly, lone parents, minority groups, young people, etc.
- issue community newsletters
- conduct local surveys
- campaign on local issues
- organise community events (such as local galas).

Community Councils can be the strongest means of becoming involved with your local area. To see what is going on locally and nationally it is worthwhile checking the website of NKCC. For example, from the minute for May 2019:

"Restricted Parking Zone(RPZ):The Councillor reported that the process for implementing the RPZ would be in Two Stages, as follows. An informal first stage letter to every household affected. A series of local exhibitions with officials present...a formal second stage would take place... The anticipated timetable starting in May 2019 ... was likely to be sometime in 2021 before it would be completed."

One to keep our eye on!

<http://www.northkelvincc.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

G20 Youth Festival

In support of our inclusiveness objectives in the Children's Wood we identified the need for a response to an increase in anti-social behaviour on the land and in the community We began the G20 Youth Festival with funding received from Glasgow City and now have the involvement of a host of partners: Police, Partick Thistle FC, Community Safety, Head Teachers and a number of commercial organisations. We are now looking to rent an identified space as a hub for young people. We have a team of brilliant youth workers in place for the G20 Summer Youth Programme, engaging with young people which we believe will serve our community and the families who live here.

Could you please consider donating to this Youth Space? Opportunities to go camping, climbing, hip hopping, creating positive experiences which are an investment with an important social return. See crowdfunder.co.uk G20Youth Festival Base. Thank you!



Hillhead Primary School handing over a cheque for the amazing amount of £500 toward our **G20 Youth Festival** getting their very own club. Thank you very much guys, our young people are delighted!



P.S. Have a great summer from all at The Children's Wood and Meadow. Enjoy the Meadow, bring and use your own firewood and kindling, not the stuff lying about. There are no fences, so we all rely on each other to treat the land with respect, no need to elaborate. See our Facebook page for info. www.thechildrenswood.co.uk