

Camden forest meeting 22nd May

Stephen, Debbie, Catherine, Ian, Adrian, Ellie, Joanna, Ally, Sarah. Stephen

We have just under 445 Camden Forest trees on the website. Tree giveaways will hopefully re-commence in bare-root season.

#### 1. WEBSITE

Website <https://camdenforest2025.wordpress.com/> Updated. Everyone agreed the site is fine for now. Apart from text which needs editing to remove repetition in Home and About sections. Adrian to do.

#### 2. COMPETITION

We launched the poetry and storytelling competition. How can we encourage more entries and expand storytelling to inc people who don't necessarily have a CF tree? Catherine to re-frame the competition in a para ASAP. Debbie to approach CNJ. Catherine to approach Ham and High. Ian to write letter to CNJ with his poem. Ally agreed to promote on Nextdoor.

**Catherine - Everyone at the meeting write a 6 lines poem! Tree stories and poems**

#### 3. HOW TO OUR EXPAND OUR FOREST AT THIS TIME:

Need to expand remit to get to 2025 trees. Agreed to include trees planted on housing estates via our Rewilding Camden project. Growing Raglan planted around 15 trees last autumn.

Debbie has subsequently asked TRA Raglan to write a poem/story around their trees.

Stephen to send Adrian list of Raglan trees.

Meeting when poss with Ollie Jones, head of GS to discuss mechanism of private businesses paying for trees, ie Sarum Hall private school who have offered to fund 200 trees over next few years. Could these be planted on a local housing estate?

Should the council newly planted trees be included in the Camden Forest. Jake - do you have thoughts on this.

Debbie - If people are buying their own trees from local garden centres to plant in their gardens, could we invite the people to register these trees to be part of our CF.

We could produce some tree tags and arrange with local garden centres that folk get a tag when they purchase a new tree. Tag would link to website and say something like:

'tell us the story of your tree'

'Welcome to Camden forest'

"hi congratulations you are part of the camden forest"

Ellie to design a tag. Once tag design approved:

**Dilip - to contact boma**

**Debbie - contact camden garden centre**

#### 4. TREE FEST

Idea to have a Tree fest @ 19 in the autumn. 19 is the new community space in the Highgate Rd. Discuss at next meet. Transition KT have a cast iron apple press.

OTHER THOUGHTS...

There was chat about starting an art project. Doesn't take CO2 out of the atmosphere. But could be part of campaigning - community engagement art.

Comments for new CForesters: Joanna - I'm a novice/ enthusiast has some ideas, previously been involved with **Trees in Wheels, project** I have also come across **Tiny Forests**, lots of trees in one patch of land, high densities, tips on how to manage them.

Sarah - Interested in the Dartmouth Park Reservoir area, had help from Islington Council, Also XR initiative letters for MP's Urban biodiversity. Lots of street art on her road

Ally - **National Children's Gardening Week. Ally, what's the action here?**

## **5. TREE PROTECTION ORDERS**

Dilip asked if TPO's come under the CF remit.

It's important that more trees aren't being felled than what we are planting

### **Actions**

Adrian website

Catherine - reframe competition asap. Write para.

Ellie - Contact Trees for Cities re free trees for 19, design label/tree tag

Dilip - contact BOMA, write a paragraph on TPO and links to good trees for gardens

Debbie - contact Camden Garden Centre, write to CNJ

Everyone at the meeting write a 6 lines tree poem! To post on the website

Ian - write a letter to CNJ

Ally - repost about competition on Nextdoor

Jake - can we include new Camden Council planted trees in the CF map?

Debbie contact Alex Alara who apparently have some spare apple trees. Might be good for 19.