

Hythe Triangle Community Garden
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Notice

June 4, 2020

Trustee Recruitment

The trustees agreed as early as July 2019 to recruit new trustees, with a view to expanding the expertise available to the charity. At a public meeting in February 2020, we asked around 40 supporters present to consider the role of trustee. In April 25, 2020, the trustees published a further notice setting out the need to urgently recruit new trustees and information about the role, and application forms, was subsequently made available on the Charity's website. Emails were sent individuals who have opted to receive our email updates.

At the date of this notice, and despite our best endeavours, no candidates have come forward with formal applications.

Formal Trustee Meeting

On June 4th 2020, the trustees met to discuss the future of the Charity and the following is an extract of the discussion:

- 1. Ashley Tanton and George (Andy) Maguire gave notice of their intention to resign as trustees as soon as practicable;**
- 2. It was noted that no candidates trustees have come forward for consideration;**
- 3. The Trustees considered the public benefit in keeping the Charity open, however, without any individual willing to take on responsibility for the Charity, that benefit cannot be pursued;**
- 4. The Trustees resolved to ask the Charity Commission for permission to wind up (close) the charity**

If the charity is wound up, the Trustees must determine the most appropriate method of disposing of the assets, i.e., the money from the sale of the Charity Land.

The Charity Land was purchased following an appeal specifically for that purpose. Given that the appeal was a success, unfortunately there is no scope to return donations.

The Trustees will consider the best use of the funds, and this will be the subject of a future discussion if we are able to sell the land. Charity Commission guidance will be sought on the potential to offer grants to local heritage or environmental charities.

Next Steps

The trustees have not solicited offers for the Charity Land however, we have received an offer from a local family who wish to purchase the land. The offer we have received is £27,000.

Anyone wishing to place a counter offer should contact the Charity in writing at the above address, with full details of their offer and intended use, no later than noon on Friday 12th June 2020. The Trustees wish to disclose that the site is Grade II listed, has two TPO-protected trees and was the subject of a refusal of planning permission in 2016.

The trustees consider that a restrictive covenant with a clearly identifiable beneficiary will be sufficient to protect the site from development.

We recognise that this is not the outcome many desired however, with the site protected and in view of the fact that leadership cannot be found, we are certain that this is the best outcome.

Ashley Tanton
Trustee

Andy Maguire
Trustee