

Sustainable Neighbourhoods end of year celebration

4 December 2022

Ulinga Hall, Cardiff South

Thanks to the Cardiff Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group for hosting us following their wreath making and beeswax wrap making workshops.

20 people in attendance

Gavin – Cardiff Area

Workshops work really well. Eg beeswax wraps & wreaths today.

Looking to do them more next year.

Important to do activities that we enjoy.

Like to support other groups in the community with advocacy and support.

Possible train the trainer for other groups to see how Cardiff runs their workshops.

Share a Square – Pollinator project. Make a pollinator corridor throughout Cardiff.

Robynne – Sugar Valley

Recently expanded to include Cameron Park and Wakefield. (Previously West Wallsend District SNG.) One more meeting venue freebie to go.

Holmesville Community Garden – major project. Have had about 10 new members in last 12 months. People starting to come more regularly. Planning to hold a Spring Fair in 2023.

Landcare struggling along with just 2 people.

Have asked wider community what they want our group to do. Want to be responsive to community and to help community with aspirations.

John – Rathmines Area

Repair cafe great at Rathmines theatre. Driven by Suzanne very active member.

Grant to do tree planting in Rathmines Park. Now planning to revegetate saltmarsh / foreshore site as third stage.

Advocacy for improvements at Rathmines shopping centre, including bike racks, recycling bins and extra litter bins.

SNG manages community noticeboard. Needs replacing currently fundraising.

Small Landcare group 3 people.



Small core group who attend SNG meetings regularly

Lucky Rathmines conference centre allows them to meet there for free.

Have gained some more traction working with Council.

Lois & Steve – Toronto Area

Advocacy re footpath repair and shared pathways in Toronto.

Advocacy re traffic between Morisset and Glendale

Advocacy re wheel stop trip hazards along boulevard

Work closely with other Landcare groups and community garden at the Hub

Fennel Bay bridge – Landcare site doing very well

Project with local high school groups re recent spate of graffiti. Project to make some murals with high school and Awabakal groups. Can't remove graffiti if it's on private property. Make more prominent Aboriginal history of the area. Note SBS doco coming up.

Recycling and fast food – plastic pollution. Concerned about amount of packaging. Have been talking with Costco and Maccas.

Marcia – Hillsborough

Hillsborough locals banded together to prevent basketball stadium development.

Facebook group established around that issue, which has now become more of a general community page.

Interest in council's dog strategy

Looking to join in with local SNG and minimise impact of development. Cardiff Area closest.

Gayle – Valentine Area

Two popular workshops: Peoples' patches walking tour – Examples of different gardens eg vegies and natives. And From garden to table - about vegie growing easily and simple things.

Would like to do more workshops in 2023 – eg about sustainable houses or energy efficiency.

Landcare site in Valentine – 6-8 people volunteering. Green team coming soon.

Verge greening project at Belmont.

Fairyville – Park area with artificial turf, informal seating – whimsy. For kids & education

Valentine shopping precinct – working with Council to improve shopping precinct for pedestrians. Crossing, greenery, connection to the park.

Gab - Warners Bay

Advocacy re coal ash dam, Newstan mine, Hillsborough Rd bushland, Companion animal act (cat containment)

New Landcare site at biddabah (bottom of munibung hill)

Mask recycling with teracycle at Coles, Bunnings etc. And then with coffee pods. See that other orgs are now doing the same for other items.

Warners Bay history trail

A number of clean up events

Repair Cafe

8 major events, and 2 pop up events

Up to 150 people attending each event. Very much a collaborative project. Up to 30 volunteers from around the city.

ReLeaf Lake Mac

Tree Trail at the MAC

Tiny Forest – site approved for Booragul / Teralba

Greening projects at Blackalls Park and Rathmines

Ideas to increase engagement and impact

- Note that the more we share, comment and like each other's social media content, the more people will see it and increase engagement
- SN groups can tag Council or add as event co-host, to increase reach.
- Crop swap host event – Was great to have swap at the garden (Holmesville), and it resulted in new members.
- Working with other community groups. Work alongside and collaborate – They can become sustainability champions.
- Reliance on education.
- Collaboration
- One person to do Landcare training. Then you have tools and other resources etc from Landcare. Eg invite SN volunteers to Landcare events. Have Christmas party together with SN and Landcare.
- Planning event with Rotary in 2023 – maybe book fair.
- Note Rotary clubs have an environmental goal integrated now. May not be physically active, but great at organising
- Work with local businesses. Eg plastic free cafes. Working with managers at supermarkets about how they can reduce their plastic waste. Adds support to a bigger movement.
- Don't be afraid to ask for financial contributions from local businesses.