



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012

Glasshouse Planning Day

"The Glass-House Community Led Design

Supporting people, improving places"

The Glass-House is a national charity working to help people make better buildings, spaces, homes and neighbourhoods. We provide independent advice, training and hands-on support to communities and regeneration professionals working together to bring positive and lasting change to their area."

An application to Glasshouse had been accepted, and they will facilitate a half-a-day and a full day meeting for 30 - 35 people; probably a Thurs evening and a Friday with a site visit and background Thurs and modeling on Friday. Cllr Andrew Burns and Ricardo Marini (City Design Champion) will attend, with officials from the council sharing in the dialogue. We are hoping for a date in October. After this meeting we will convene a full public meeting to view the results and all of the outcomes will be fed directly to the Master planners Michael Laird and 7N architects.

Glasshouse will also support us in a study tour.

The City's Southwest Neighbourhood Partnership has awarded us £1300 to help with publicity and other associated expenses. So a big thank you to them

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FCI Steering Group meet Canalside Stake holders:

Since the last newsletter in May the FCI Steering group has been busy meeting with various people involved with developing the Canalside. We met with the Boroughmuir parents group and the forth canoe club to find out more about the plans for the new school and to open a Dialogue between the school and the club about the idea of the new school incorporating the FCC and developing canoeing as a school and community activity. We hope to meet the school design team. We met with Cllr Andrew Burns the leader of the City Council and he valued FCI's positive attitude to re-development and was encouraged by our "Brewing New Life" Vision. He assured us he would encourage Dialogue with officials and we will be consulted by the Master planners as their work progresses. We have also met Robin Blacklock of Grosvenor developments, Cllr Gavin Corbett and Cllr Paul Godzic who chairs the education committee. We are soon to meet Ricardo Marini the councils Design Champion. Jane has been lobbying all the local councilors reminding them of the key aspects of our vision and Cllr Gavin Corbett reported on a very positive planning meeting where ideas like a new Basin and "Placemaking" and neighbourhood building were still on the agenda.

7N will host a meeting between stakeholders being officials, architects, planners and FC! On the 10th October.

So lots of Dialogue and hopefully a mutually agreed and inspiring plan will emerge!

EDINBURGH'S VISIT TO GLASGOW CANALSIDE REGENERATION.

MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2012

FCI steering group has arranged a study visit to learn about the new developments beside Glasgow canals. The Glasgow City Council and their development partners, ISIS and 7N architects, have created an exciting mixed use project which I am sure will give us lots of ideas and inspire co-operative development.

Helena Huws of Scottish Canals will host the visit, and we will meet Ewan Anderson of 7N architects Gary Watt of ISIS waterside regeneration, and someone from the City of Glasgow Development and Regeneration Services.

Visit the Glasgow canals website at <http://www.glasgowcanal.co.uk/>

ISIS Waterside regeneration at <http://www.isisregeneration.co.uk/contact.php>

7N architects at <http://www.7narchitects.com/>

Working groups established

At the Meeting on the 19th June we set up working group to push forward projects in: Social and Housing; Recreation and Culture; Local Economy; Environment; Lobbying and Development.

We are talking to Dunedin Canmore housing and thinking about the sort of mix that would be best. We have talked to the Co-Op re a supermarket. We will keep a new basin and a covered market/ venue on the agenda and will continue to push for open

public spaces and parks. A group of Art students is working on plans for the canalside. A microbrewery has been suggested. We will continue to support the Forth Canoe Club's search for a new home (Well done David Florence ex Forth Canoe club and Roseburn school on his second Olympic canoeing medal), and lobby for facilities for small boats. We are making a history of the canalside and collecting historical images with a view to making an exhibition and interpretation boards. A special group has been established to investigate the possibility of converting the historic Rubber Mill building for the arts, community groups and incubator units. The industrial history of the area needs to be acknowledged.

New School Location Approved!

From Bruce Munro New School Project Co-ordinator "The consultation outcome report was published early in June and at the end of the month [28 June] the Council approved plans to build the new Boroughmuir High School at Fountainbridge. Council also approved the appointment of an exciting design team under [Allan Murray Architects](#). A widespread community pre-planning consultation is due to start around Easter 2013, which could see a planning application submitted the following autumn with the target of starting the construction on site in the summer of 2014.

Extracts from the council consultation documents below "The opportunity to capitalise on the canal side location with activities such as canoeing would be welcomed, and the Council will explore the potential synergies in more detail with the Forth Canoe Club. The first job of the design team, to consider various permutations of how the school floor space could be delivered, including the opportunity to reconfigure the park. Part of this evaluation would include whether elements of the school floor space could be delivered under the park, by utilising the natural fall in the site from the canal to Dundee Street."

FCI welcomes the school as a lively part of creating a new neighbourhood and the potential for establishing community activities within the school. However there is a reduction of the size of the total site so it becomes all the more imperative that there is residential space and public space, so the area is also lively at evening and weekends



"Finally in mid-August, we got the news we were waiting for so long:

The budget (of course with some conditions attached) got the okay from Grosvenor developments and we can finally start planning. This is amazing because we can finally kick off to really realise "The Grove".

Next step is that the landscape architects will go on to the site of Grosvenor and suss out where would be the best place to establish the garden - but as far as we know this site visit hasn't happened yet. Once they get back to us we will organise the next open meeting where everybody can join in and say how they would like the garden to be. During that meeting the fun part will start which is the actual design of the garden. This is a truly amazing chance to see this garden project grow bit by bit into a gardening and community hub.

What can you do in the meantime?

1. Visit the Sow and Grow Everywhere (SAGE) website at <http://sowandgroweverywhere.org/> and check out what kinds of garden exist already and what you like about them. The more ideas we have the better for the landscape architects that will run the sessions particularly for all of us that want this garden to become true.
2. Please join the Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TheGroveFountainbridge/> as this will continue to be the platform to keep up to date.

We will be back in touch soon with the date for the open meeting. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions. "

Contact Kathryn at SAGE to get involved. <http://sowandgroweverywhere.org/>

TOLLCROSS WEE BOAT GROUP

Ed Hawkins has set up a Blog that tells of a very nice summer rowing despite the rain. Not much Canadian canoe activity. Let us know if you want to take a canoe out. There is talk of an end of season outing along the canal on Sunday 21st October. Get in touch and watch this space. <http://www.weeboat.org/blog/article/5>

The WBG has an Irish Currach, and 3 Canadian canoes by the canal Want to get involved? Contact Stan.reeves1@btinternet.com

**NEXT STEPS: Join the Steering Group on Tuesday 2nd October
6pm Canal Centre Lochrin Basin.**

<http://www.fountainbridgeci.org.uk/>