Environment Group Meeting 23.11.15
Minutes

Present: Julie Statham, Carolyn Hargest, Gordon Jardine
1. Welcome
2. Minutes approved (28.9.15)

Actions update:

a. Rag bag unit proposed - school to make a decision this week (JS)
b. Travel Plan action points - to be addressed by Pupil Council on Wednesday - could offer lockers to pupils who wish to cycle in the summer term (JS)
c. Bench to be re-oiled thanks to Tiphereth
d. Swift nest boxes will not be sited by Amey
e. Fat balls, Home Economics have agreed to make them - seek PC funding for ingredients (CH)
f. Virtual Hive could be brought in by GJ contact - P Duffy science (JS)
g. Sleeper Benches are not wanted by school - seek PC funding for plastic picnic bench (CH)
h. November Book Swop successful - thanks to parent s and staff
i. Damaged end panel of bike shed needs to be removed - ask MS (CH)

3. Eco schools
Litter picks continue
Pupil Council - grading areas regarding littering
Lunch box litter to be returned home
Wardens to help with a litter campaign in spring
4. School grounds
a. Pond garden gravel requires weeding by horticulture group in March- to go in school calendar (CH) & weed spraying (JS)
b. Bird boxes need cleaning out (CH & GJ)

5. PC funding requests total £765
wildflower seeds for meadow £90
litter pickers £130
gravel for pond area £35
cobbles for river £30
bulb compost and hyacinth bulbs £40
bench plastic recycled £375
oil for bench £15
ingredients for birds fat balls (lard, seeds, grain) £50

6. Christmas Market Stall raised £16
PC requested fingerless gloves to sell at next meeting

7. Firrhill News continues - considering changing the header/banner from school's eco logo to the Firrhill school logo and stating produced by Parent Council rather than produced by the Environment Group

8. Other eco projects within the school:
a) University plants study in spring, need more details (CH)
b) Waverley Care Milestone house, shed project awaiting planning permission, pupils to make cob bricks
c) Wetlands - PTA asking Amey to assist.
9. AOB
Meadow to be mowed and raked (JS)
10. Dates of next Meeting
8.2.16
9.5.16