Bee and Butterfly Garden Proposal

Location: Shearers Candle Factory, Govan





*Template of area for planting.

AIMS:

We propose to plant a new garden on the site of Shearers Candle Factory in Govan to promote the growth of bees and butterflies in the area. The garden has the potential to be built using the existing soil, added manure, containers, trellis features and compost if necessary, for planting. It will be a low maintenance garden making use of wild plants and flowers and shrubs, many to be grown from seed, which attract bees and butterflies alongside providing habitat for other local wildlife throughout the year. Our aim is to involve the local community by asking schools if they would like to participate in a competition to design the layout of the garden, taking into account the different species of plant we have to offer. We will provide the template of the garden alongside information on the plants, and planting methods, for the children to draw and colour in what they might want the garden to look like.

OUTCOMES:

Following the collection of these plans from the schools, we will then allow Shearers to choose their favourite garden design as a winner and we, at LEGUP, will begin the process of creating the garden in the new year. There is also opportunity for the schools to become more involved later on in the creation of the garden by assisting in planting and growing the seeds. This, of course, can be discussed with any participating schools closer to the time, following any interest. Initially, therefore, would like to introduce a 'Design A Bee and Butterfly Garden' competition to the local primary schools. We feel this gives the children an opportunity to become involved in their local community, as well as learning key ideas about city based environmental issues and sustaining local wildlife.

We also propose to use the Community Payback Team to assist us in any heavy manual works

What we will include:

We will put together an information pack for the school including an age appropriate brief of the competition depending on what classes might be interested, alongside an information pdf including different species of flowers, plants, trees and planting methods, as well as images of garden layout ideas. We will also include the template of the area and images of the surrounding buildings.