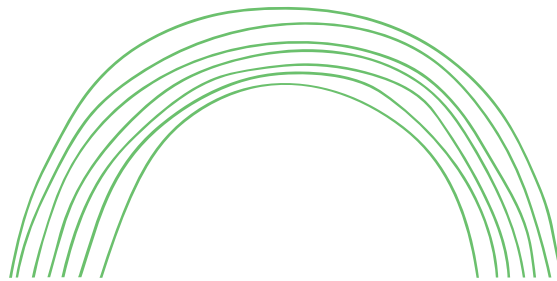


# CHARTER FOR THE GARDEN

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# OBJECTIVES OF THE GARDEN

The objectives of a garden are based on the vision of its members.

This is the first stage to be tackled, to know what the group is aiming to achieve.

The vision clarifies and facilitates the decisions regarding the other elements of the charter.

Amongst the objectives, the most frequently-expressed themes are:

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD-RELATED ASPECTS

- Communal gardening
- Healthy eating, and contact with the earth
- Food sufficiency
- Permaculture
- Raising awareness of the environment
- Promoting biodiversity
- Etc.

## SOCIAL ASPECTS

- A meeting-place, for discussions, sharing and friendship
- Social, inter-generational and inter-cultural integration
- Physical activity
- Etc.

## EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS

- Apprenticeship and passing on knowledge
- Start transition
- Etc.

For more details see sheet:

"CHARTER PART 1: THE  
OBJECTIVES OF A  
COMMUNITY GARDEN"



# GOVERNANCE AND DECISION-TAKING

Every group needs to take decisions. In representative democracies, we are accustomed to delegating decisions to an elected individual or someone who has a specific authority. This person takes the decisions, and sometimes takes on responsibilities.

Community gardens experiment with other forms of governance: sociocracy, qualified majority, etc.

For more details see sheet:

"CHARTER PART 2:  
GOVERNANCE AND  
DECISION-TAKING"

# MANAGING MEMBERS

ROLES, COMMITMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY, INTEGRATION, AND LEAVERS)

The consequence of the change in governance involves active participation by every member of the group.

No-one is a lifetime member of the group. Hence admitting and excluding members are also discussed. Respecting the member commitment is part of this.

For more details see sheet:

"CHARTER PART 3:  
MEMBER MANAGEMENT"



# INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

This relates to all the means that the members use to communicate with one another and with the outside world beyond the group or project.

The choice of the means and channels of communication is important, in order to be able to quickly pass on a message, to manage emergency situations, to take decisions without meeting in person, and to exchange less important information without adversely affecting interest, etc.

For more details see sheet:

"CHARTER PART 4:  
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL  
COMMUNICATION"

# HOW TO GARDEN

Depending on the motivations and the vision of the group, the choices regarding methods of production, the relationship with living things (soil, biodiversity, etc.), seeds, plants, the sharing of harvests, water management etc. will vary.

It is this vision which is set out in this part.

For more details see sheet:

"CHARTER PART 5: HOW TO  
GARDEN"