ATTRIBUTES OF A SUCCESSFUL GROUP
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- Everyone is working towards a shared goal: the garden mission
- The group has collectively developed community agreements for garden behavior
- The group gets things done; they have a list of milestones and they actively work to accomplish them
- Everyone participates in the conversations
- People’s feelings are welcomed as their ideas
- General agreement fuels decisions, and dissent is heard and respected, not pushed aside
- Members keep their promises
- Disagreement and critical opinions are not seen as negative; expressing an opposing view is relatively comfortable
- Leadership shifts among a number of individuals
- What else would you add? ________________________________________________________
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COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS
Writing down your garden group’s shared agreements with one another can help keep meetings inviting and on track. Bring the list of agreements to all garden meetings. Here are some suggestions:

- One mic
- Topics not on the agenda can go on the bike rack
- Step up / Step back
- Practice active listening / Listen to understand
- What else would you add? ________________________________________________________
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