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SG: Love the house you have built Alp.

SG: Alp - So much magnificent work and presentation _ thank you so much.

Pv: ohh to be able to grow avocado's..... how great is that :D

Pv: Indeed Rowan... there is a dire need for more tropical/mediterranean species to be adapted to our climate :D But on the other hand... apples don't grow in the tropics. So maybe we are just acting spoiled here :)

Pv: wow, great design with an eye!

Pv: stunning

Pv: well said Pablo... well said...

JB: I love the your vision of creating 10000 functional forests.

PV: When the elves of Elrond meet food forests! What a place to be!

MR: Doesn't stone also stimulate earlier flowering in many fruit species? I'm ambivalent about planting spring frost sensitive plants against wall and stone for this reason. Maybe without reason?

MR: I'm really happy how this conversation developed and touched on the human dimension and the social structures.

MH: kid for sale!

MH: quaterly calls sound great.

JS: Very interesting and holistic approach Alp!

JS: Yej... thats a particulalry important issue for urban forest gardens as well!

JS: An enormous thanks thanks all for your thoughts and all being said on the group planning and forming processes!!!! It fills my heart to keep on going the way we are!

PL: those apple trees could be good candidates for grafting over to other varieties, being grown from seed, perhaps?

PL: i was thinking of using willow fedge barrier to protect those highly desirable annual vegetable gardens

PL: yes, part of me is inclined to submit and allow a natural equilibrium to establish, I'm sure Sepp Holzer doesn't fight against them

PL: @Rowan, there was a youtube video I watched by EdibleAcres in New Jersey I think, where he used fruit tree prunings around the perimeter to give the Rabbits some interest to browse on in the winter

PL: This year, I stuck my hotbin composters under the vulnerable trees, but perhaps putting a water tub could do the same function

PL: We used to pickle sticklebacks in this country!

PL: hear hear

PL: thanks, very engaging

AS: Thank you Alp, that was very inspiring. All the best to you and your plans!

AS: Great, simply great. Thanks a lot!

Pd: Hi Alp, thank you for your presentation. Like your approach which has similarities with our work at Ondergrond. So I will definitely take contact!

Pd: @Martin, indeed! We have that as well. A lot of our early effort goes to management of expectations

Pd: Yes, but even farm scale food forests (in NL) tend to need a public visiting area (as I was discussing with some Dutch colleagues)

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Pd: if only to divert attention from the farmed area ;-)

ES: Hello all, as this is a themed session with multiple speakers, when you ask a question please confirm the speaker that your question is for. Thank you and enjoy the session!

ME: If you want to start a food forest in a mediteranian region, how much will the costs be for trees and bushes per hectare. I know it really depends on the place, soil, what plants you want, how dens you want to plant etc. But just to get an idea. It doesn't

RP: Wow...

HK: Yeah sepp holzer famously grows citrus in austria with ponds and stones. ponds also reflect the sunlight for more light

FG: Wish you good health too Alp! Good luck with everything.

CM: Incredible work

CM: Lots of wisdom in this Forest-Gardeners Question Time! Thanks

RA: Hello everybody - wish I could still be in Maxime's Q&A - I've wondered whether the land rules are similar between France and Spain and Portugal? Since Spain and Portugal have agroforestry systems (dehesa / montado) I assume they must have less rigid segr

RA: Not just avocados - pistachios are another I'd love to be able to grow in Britain!

RA: Haven't come across Malabar spinach before - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basella_alba

RA: Golden berries though I hope to one day grow here when I have a greenhouse. Delicious!
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Physalis>

RA: Meant to add link to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Physalis_peruviana

RA: Paul - yes! Not complaining about what we can grow, including things like blackcurrants and raspberries as well!

RA: I'm appreciating the Cornish rain. Not most people's image of Cornwall but more realistic than continual blue skies!

RA: I had lots of plum suckers in my old garden. Beautiful flowers but I never got any decent fruit from them, sadly.

RA: Rabbit-proof fencing- that's a lot of expense and hard work! Something has to be done to stop rabbits eating everything, though. I've seen apple trees debarked by hungry rabbits. I've been wondering for years about how effective a plant barrier could be i

RA: Natural swimming pools - I want one one day! I missed the first day of this symposium because I'd foolishly double-booked myself (the bank holiday confused me!). But I went to Nant y Bedd in Monmouthshire which is a wonderful garden, not open again now ti

RA: Willow fedge might work, good idea. Not sure it would be okay for perimeter of a whole site - it's a tricky one isn't it?!

RA: I'd agree on letting most beings share the space, but having seen the damage rabbits can cause I'd be inclined to be keep my determination to keep them out!

RA: Well wow thanks everybody for such a great range of presentations from a great range of sites! The image of Mediterranean and mild gardens may be soft and gentle, but as Matt made clear some places are also wet and windy and challenging!

RA: Pig tractors? The Royal Horticultural Society used them for ground preparation for the Bridgewater garden - shown on the BBC programme about it!
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000w171>

RA: Thanks Philip - I once tried some protection on new planting with holly cuttings. The rabbits just ate the tasty holly and then ate the new planting!

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RA: On community discussions and consultations, 'open space' can be good.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_Space_Technology

RA: Farms and gardens as habitats for people - oh yes!

RA: Totally agree with Alp about our need for hope. That's something my hero William Morris really understood.

RA: Arrowhead <https://pfaf.org/user/plant.aspx?LatinName=Sagittaria+latifolia>

RA: Cattail I assume Dave is talking about Typha species such as
<https://pfaf.org/user/plant.aspx?LatinName=Typha+latifolia>

RA: Definitely need small groups to discuss things as well as large groups - many of us don't feel comfortable speaking out within large groups!

RA: Very good point by Dave about the commons!

RA: Thanks again everybody!

DR: Design for beauty & wellbeing, forest bathing is really important. Recent reports on the need to create safe spaces for people with mild depression & anxiety, especially as a result of Covid. Multi-sensory FG are perfect for this.

NA: does anyone have any knowledge on heavy metal take up by trees and perenials. I am in Cornwall where the soils have arsenic to varying degrees according to locations