

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Date & Time: -	10 th November 2012 – 11:00 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary)
Present: -	Phil Iddison (Chairman), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), committee members and 25 other ploholders (35 total)
Apologies: -	Brian Basdell, Cleve West, Sally Annereau
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Peter Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	AGM of 31st October 2011 The minutes were agreed. Proposed by Shelagh Secola and seconded by Vicky Phillips.	
2	Chairman's report The Chairman referred to his written report available to all ploholders, along with the latest newsletter and accounts. He said he would cover some of the major points under Any Other Business.	
3	Treasurer's report The Treasurer referred to the published accounts on the notice boards. The main account shows a balance of £3423.94, some of which will be allocated to some planned activities to be covered later, but suggestions for other suitable expenditure are requested. She reported that the open days and plant sales had all been profitable. The shop accounts show a balance of £456.86 which would be used for future purchases. No queries were raised and the accounts were accepted by the meeting.	
4	Election of the committee The Chairman reported that Sally Annereau had resigned and the committee members wished to record a vote of thanks for her services. All other committee members had volunteered to stand for another year and he proposed they be re-elected. Ray Brown had also volunteered to join the committee. The re-election of the Committee was proposed by Brian King, seconded by Karin Sumption and agreed by the meeting. The Chairman said that the committee always welcomed new members.	
6	Any other business The following points were raised: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Chairman reported that he had received an offer from a ploholder to develop a website for the association; he intended that this should be kept fairly simple in order to minimise the manpower needed to maintain it; it was suggested that this should include links to other relevant websites and possibly a blog by an experienced ploholder at Bushy Park; 2) He reported that the Council had been asked to provide the raw material to repair the main track but we would need to provide the labour and tools; 3) He requested that those who had given their email address to Patsy Iddison but had not received the newsletters check their addresses with her; 4) He reported that a local youth club were keen to undertake paid work and details will be provided in the next newsletter; 	

	<p>5) Given the problems with thefts and fly tipping, the committee had investigated changing the keys so as to better control who has them; this would cost £400/padlock and £10/key. The cost of the keys would have to be borne by ploholders; the alternative of a combination lock had been investigated but would be insufficiently robust; the general feeling was not that the keys needed to be changed necessarily, but we need to be more vigilant to ensure the gates are kept locked and this would be checked in the Council's terms and conditions; it was agreed to take no action at the moment; [Post meeting note: the T&C state - <i>Tenants are responsible for locking the site gate on entry and exit at all times.</i>]</p> <p>6) He requested a vote of thanks to Guiseppe de Vai and all those who helped with the shop and at the open days and this was enthusiastically agreed;</p> <p>7) The Committee had spent money on the clearance of heavily wooded plots. It was also intended to spend money refurbishing the shop catering facilities for use on our Open Days.</p> <p>8) At a request from the meeting, he explained the process for plot allocation and reported that 30 plots had been re-let this year; there are currently around 160 on the waiting list for the site;</p> <p>9) A ploholder requested that, given the prevalence of blight this year, all ploholders clear any affected plants as rapidly as possible to prevent it spreading; and</p> <p>10) A ploholder reported problems with rats; the Chairman suggested if there were a group of plots experiencing problems this should be reported to the Council for action and he would support this; he would also check if it was allowed to shoot parakeets.</p>	
7	<p>The meeting closed at 11.45 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and this was followed by a seed swop and barbeque for the tenants. The barbeque was funded from the shop profits.</p>	