

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	13 th April – 11:00 AM	
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Phil Iddison (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Bryan Basdell, Vicky Phillips, Shelagh Secola, Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby, Cleve West	
Apologies: -	Ray Brown, Chris Pickard,	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 26th January 2014 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Outstanding Actions The valve covers will be installed when time is available. PI issued copies of the updated area representatives' map. RH has placed copies on the notice boards. It was agreed to use certificates rather than cups for future awards. SS to progress.	JW/PI SS
3	Finance The Treasurer reported the current balance as £1525.62. We have been paid for the scalplings for the track repair, but not yet for the equipment hire and are yet to receive an invoice from the conservation volunteers. CW is to supply a receipt for the new orchard trees for payment.	 CW
4	Events The next event is the Spring Open Day and Plant Sale on 10 th May and all will be present except JW, RH and CW.	
5	The Shop GdeV reported that the shop is doing well but needs tidying up.	GdeV
6	Liaison with the Council PI reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four plots were let yesterday, so far 34 have been let this year and there are only 1 or 2 vacant plots left; The next inspection for plot cultivation standards is planned for the first week in May. He asked all area reps to check their areas and report just before then; The track had been repaired; there was some concern at the speed vehicles were now going and the number of heavy vehicles; PI is to contact the Council about replacing the existing sign with one showing 5mph; No actions arise from the BRAG or Steering Group meetings and RH has put the BRAG minutes on a notice board; and PI is to request the Council provide a new plastic cover for the north car park notice board. 	All PI PI
7	Communications	

	<p>PI was congratulated on his latest newsletter. It was agreed that PI should include a safety section in the next newsletter covering lone working, speeding on the track and keeping paths clear. The next newsletter should also have the e-petition to stop Eric Pickles attempts to change allotment legislation</p> <p>RH and VP reported on progress on the website. The basic structure and the main points from the meeting with Yung as proposed by RH were agreed. It was agreed to include only a generic email address with contact by means of a contact form. PI to send newsletter copies minus contact details and RH/VP are to progress the website for formal 'go live' approval at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>VP/RH</p>
8	<p>Community Area No action has been taken on the slabs.</p> <p>CW has completed the orchard refurbishment, but advised that someone is needed to cut the lawn for the next few months. Volunteer to be approached with a modest payment.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>PI/GdV</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business It was agreed that PI's draft note on looking after the compost and woodchip bins would be added to the next newsletter.</p> <p>It was agreed that this year's competitions would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best plot • Best newcomer's plot • Photo competition with one open category and one for under 12s; photos to be submitted by the 19th July Open Day • Scarecrow again to be notified by 19th July Open Day • Biggest pumpkin to be judged in September <p>These would be covered in the next newsletter.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a Volunteer Work Day in the autumn to tackle community tasks such as rubbish clearance with the incentive of lunch provided.</p>	<p>PI</p>
	<p>Next meeting The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 18th May 2014.</p>	<p>All</p>