

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	24th November 2013 – 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, Ray Brown, Chris Pickard, Vicky Phillips, Shelagh Secola, Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby, Cleve West
Apologies: -	Bryan Basdell
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 6th October 2013 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Outstanding Actions The valve covers will be installed over winter	JW/PI
3	Finance The Treasurer's report was circulated and there was a current balance of £1076.05. Recent expenses include the website domain and the fire bricks for the pizza oven floor. A payment of £100 is still due to us from the Council for the recent filming. PI to chase. The shop accounts are still outstanding, GdeV to provide the latest bank statement.	PI JB/GdeV
4	Events PI proposed the following dates for next year's events. The dates are to be finalised at the next meeting. Spring Open Day and Plant Sale: 10 th May Summer Open Day: 19 th July Autumn Festival: 6 th September (this could be moved to later) BBQ and AGM: 11 th October Next year's committee meetings are proposed to be: 26 th January, 30 th March, 1 st June, 27 th July, 28 th September, 30 th November and 25 th January 2015. [Post-meeting note: PI has since requested the 18 th May rather than 1 st June]	
5	The Shop GdeV reported the shop had been quiet in recent weeks. He had sufficient funds for new stock.	
6	Liaison with the Council PI reported that the next showaround for new starters would be 30 th November at 10.00 a.m. There are 24 plots available. He suggested the next should be on 18 th January. It was agreed to take round as many people as possible each time to maximise the number of plots let. PI will advise PL. PI advised there was nothing new to report from the meeting of the borough allotment representatives. No sites have responded to the questionnaire.	PI
7	Communications VP reported that we now have the website domain and Yung Chai has promised to advance the design.	VP
8	Community Area JW has discussed what to do about the slabs with Martin, who considered the only solution was to lift all the slabs, lay a membrane and then relay the slabs and properly point them. JW will discuss likely costs with Martin.	JW

	<p>CW had proposed that a 'No Ball Games' notice should be put up in the Community Area. This was agreed and RH is to put up notice on the summerhouse. (He will also renew the damaged 'woodchip' notice.)</p> <p>CW considered the current orchard trees on dwarf root stock were not a success and proposed they be replaced, including removing the cherry. This was agreed. Some of the existing trees could be transplanted if people wanted them. CW to propose and provide costs for suitable replacements and will then email committee members.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>CW</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to Park Lane Stables to help with their request for support for recent vet bills. They provide our free supplies of stable compost.</p> <p>Recent incidents were discussed and PI agreed to take a particular case of intimidation to PL to see what action if any could be taken.</p> <p>There was little enthusiasm for a voluntary group to clear particularly difficult overgrown plots to make them available for re-letting. It was agreed that such plots could instead be offered to new tenants rent-free for one year with the Council's agreement on the condition that the plot was cleared for cultivation. PI to discuss with Pete Lewis.</p> <p>JW noted that old storage heaters often contain the sort of bricks that would be ideal for use in the pizza oven, if any one heard of a source could they let Henry know about it..</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>PI</p> <p>PI</p> <p>All</p>
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 26th January 2014.</p>	