

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
Date & Time: -	12 th October 2015 – 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 plotholders (34 total)	
Apologies: -	C.West, B and J King, M.Casey, M.Walker	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, email distribution, website, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	AGM of 11th October 2014 The minutes were agreed. Proposed by Vicky Philips and seconded by Victoria Reed.	
2	Chairman's report The Chairman referred to his written report distributed at the meeting. It will also be emailed to all plotholders, along with the latest newsletter.	
3	Treasurer's report The Treasurer referred to the published accounts on the notice boards and emailed out before the meeting. The main account shows a healthy balance of £1884. With a number of plotholders having links to Nepal the profits from the summer Open Day were given to the Earthquake Appeal and we were pleased to contribute over £1100.	
4	Election of the committee The Chairman reported that all committee members were willing to stand for another year, although he encouraged others to volunteer. None did so. The re-election of the Committee was proposed by Derek Heath, seconded by Frank Lincoln and agreed by the meeting. Some committee members noted that they would like to take a more active defined role and it was agreed to review this at the next committee meeting.	
5	The Shop Guiseppe de Vai reported that the shop had done well during the year. The shop accounts had been emailed to members before the meeting and are on the notice boards.	
6	Any other business The following points were raised by the Chairman: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The community area is badly in need of additional help for general maintenance and keeping it tidy, any volunteer help was welcomed. 2) As a trial, it was agreed that plotholders would be able to advertise any useful free tools or equipment they had available or were seeking either through the website or by email. 3) The next seed swop would be after the January committee meeting. A number of points were raised from the floor:	

	<p>4) The Chairman advised that those wishing to hold bonfire should do so on a still day or when the wind was such that it did not blow smoke over Hampton Pool or the houses to the west. It is always best to dry material first so that bonfires burn faster and produce less smoke, also to check that no hedgehogs or other wildlife might be in the stack, although no hedgehogs had ever been seen on site.</p> <p>5) We are trying to arrange further deliveries of woodchip. Manure is normally delivered by Park Lane Stables, but their Teddington site is temporarily closed.</p> <p>6) We are trying to track down who owns the fence next to the pool, and is thus responsible for maintaining it.</p> <p>7) There was concern at the time taken to re-let vacant or neglected plots. The Chairman advised that the Council's process was quite long-winded to ensure fairness.</p> <p>8) John Whitby advised that he was trying to get estimates for the repair of the track and had had three firms visit. It was agreed that this would be major undertaking beyond the funds of the Association.</p>	
8	The meeting closed at 11.50 after the competition awards, which included a Community Award for John Wade. The barbecue that followed was funded from the shop profits.	