

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	22 nd May 2016 – 11.45 AM	
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Phil Iddison(Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Joe Ambaye, Vicky Phillips, Giuseppe de Vai, Chris Pickard, Steph Bateman, Maria Casey, Shelagh Secola	
Apologies: -	Bryan Basdell, Ray Brown, John Whitby, Cleve West	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 20th March 2016 The minutes were agreed. PI is to issue the new area representatives' plan.	PI
2	Finance The Treasurer reported that the Open Day on 7 th May had been a success, raising £891.14. BPAA funds now stood at a healthy £2300 once expenses were paid and so she was seeking ideas for how some of this money could best be spent. GdeV suggested the perspex covers on the 3 notice boards should be replaced and he was happy to do this. This was agreed. Other suggestions welcome.	GdeV All
3	Events it was noted that there were a higher number of plant donations at the Open Day and a good attendance. Thanks were given to CP for clearing up the shop and to GdeV and his team. It was agreed that RH would put up a notice showing how much was raised, with thanks for all helpers and donations. It should incorporate a stronger appeal for help for the next Open Day and the AGM. It was agreed that this year's competitions would be for Best Plot, Best Newcomer Plot and children's sunflower. In order to avoid any charges of committee bias it was agreed to ask Derek Heath to judge the first two, supported by Rita; failing that this would be done by MC and SS. Area representatives were asked to submit their recommendations by the end of July. The sunflower competition will be judged by JB, with entries to be made by the end of June. RH will put up the relevant notices. It was agreed that new cups will be given each year engraved with the winner's names.	RH All RH
4	The Shop The shop is doing well.	
5	Liaison with the Council Prior to the meeting, a meeting was held with Cllr Gareth Roberts to discuss the current difficulties and he is to arrange a meeting with the relevant people to attempt to rebuild relationships. It was suggested that we needed to review the BPAA constitution as to the committee's roles and responsibilities and RH will reissue this with these minutes.	All RH
6	Communications PI is to issue a new newsletter to include advice on what to do about asbestos and the non-use of carpets. It should always include the website address. PI asked for any further ideas for inclusion. The committee accepted Julie's offer to build a new newsletter box.	All

7	Community Area CP advised that the soil conditions in the raised beds was very poor. It was unclear who was now looking after these beds and their availability will be advised in the newsletter. A tidy up will be necessary before the next Open Day.	PI
8	Any Other Business JB advised that she would be absent in September/October and so this year's annual accounts will be closed mid-August.	
9	Next meeting The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop on 31 st July 2016.	