

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	31 st July 2016 – 11.45 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Joe Ambaye, Bryan Basdell, Chris Pickard, John Whitby, Cleve West
Apologies: -	Maria Casey, Vicky Phillips, Ray Brown,
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p>Appointment of Chair.</p> <p>CP took the chair for the meeting. The resignations of Phil Iddison, Steph Bateman, Giuseppe de Vai and Shelagh Secola from the committee were reluctantly accepted. JA said he would stand down at the next AGM.</p>	
2	<p>Meeting of 22nd May 2016</p> <p>The minutes were agreed. Actions were generally complete. GdeV was thanked for replacing the perspex cover on the notice board.</p> <p>RH requested that all area representatives submit their choices for best plot and best newcomer plot as soon as possible to Derek Heath or himself. He noted he had received one entry for the sunflower competition.</p>	All
3	<p>Finance</p> <p>JB submitted her latest report showing a balance of £1904.07. Recent expenditure had included the notice board panel, the May Open Day expenses and shop maintenance. JB indicated she would be closing the books for the year on 15th August as she is away from the 29th August until mid-December.</p> <p>JB also indicated that she would like to resign as Treasurer when a suitable replacement can be found. It was noted that, at the present time, her signature and that of PI is required to issue cheques and it was agreed to retain this arrangement for the moment.</p>	
4	<p>Events</p> <p>The next event is the Open Day on 10th September. It was agreed that RH would hold the banking books and any expenses would be paid cash on the presentation of receipts for which receipts would be given and recorded.</p> <p>The main problem on Open Days is clearing up after the event and all committee members are asked to assist. JW will provide heavy duty bags for general rubbish and JB yellow bags for recycling, CW will provide labels for each as he has an A3 printer. Committee members are then asked between them to take the rubbish home with them or to the tip.</p> <p>There should be a clear up of the shop shortly before the day at which all are again asked to assist.</p> <p>It was agreed that at all events in future only vegetarian food would be provided.</p> <p>The AGM is on the 8th October. PI will be asked if he would be willing to write a Chairman's report. It was agreed that we should advertise for new committee members and RH will draft a notice for the boards and to be handed out at the Open Day. JW noted that in earlier years the process had been for plotholders to vote for area representatives for their area and these then formed the committee.</p>	<p>All JW, JB, CW</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>RH</p>

	The chosen committee will then appoint their officers.	
5	The Shop GdeV will continue to run the shop, which is doing well. The books will be closed for the year on 15 th August	
6	Liaison with the Council The Council change to the Terms and Conditions regarding bonfires was noted. All were concerned at the increasing number of neglected plots and many members had received complaints from those on neighbouring plots. All ploholders are to be encouraged to report neglected plots to Pete Lewis, if possible with photographic evidence. The issue will be raised at the AGM.	
7	Communications Nothing to report.	
8	Community Area The area is becoming very weedy again and the possibility of relaying the slabs was again discussed, but this could be expensive. RH will prepare an info sheet for the AGM asking for ideas.	RH
9	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding – JB confirmed that the recent flooding was due to vandals opening a sluice gate. The emergency number for the Royal Parks is 0300 061 2000 should flooding occur again. Rats – the Council has issued us with rat traps and these are used at ploholders' request. There have recently been cases where the traps have been damaged. It was agreed to issue a notice highlighting what attracts rats and why traps are being used. RH to draft. Ecoplugs weedkiller for tree stumps – stock now held by JW. Toilets – no change. <p>The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11am on 25th September 2016 and will include finalising arrangements for the AGM.</p>	RH