

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION		
Meeting: -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
Date & Time: -	7 th October 2016 – 11:00 AM	
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Giuseppe de Vai (Chair), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), committee members and plotholders (30 in total)	
Apologies: -	Vicky Phillips, Beth Cook, Jayne Chapple, Don Eckford	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, email distribution, website, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	AGM of 8th October 2016 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Chairman's report The Chairman gave a verbal report, thanking everyone for their support during the year. He reported that the shop was doing well and the profits are funding today's barbecue. He stated that the Association's funds were in good shape and invited suggestions for possible improvements to the site the Association could support.	
3	Treasurer's report The Treasurer (Christina Ashton) circulated and went through the annual accounts, showing a closing balance of £2492, but reported that the shop accounts are not yet available pending stocktaking. The accounts were agreed.	
4	Election of the committee Don Eckford has resigned with effect from this meeting and he was thanked for his contribution. The following members were happy to be re-elected to the committee: Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby, Chris Aston, Bryan Basdell, Maria Casey, John Carrig, Khrystyna McPeake, Robin Hewitt and Vicky Phillips. Joe Ambaye (plot 301) expressed himself willing to stand for election to the committee. He would be able to take over Don's area. The Secretary appealed for someone who could represent the area north of the shop but none was forthcoming. The election and re-election of these committee members was proposed by Jenny Bevan, seconded by Hilary Horswill and agreed by the meeting.	
5	Secretary's report The Secretary reported that we had given the Council a list of the most neglected plots. The Council had acted on this and we now have 26 vacant plots, which will be re-let in stages over the winter. The Council were adamant that no plots can be re-let to existing plotholders while the waiting list exists. He appealed for all plotholders to number their plots as it is sometimes very difficult to identify plots correctly, leading to some plotholders being wrongly identified as having neglected plots. The stone markers are often reversed, missing or in the wrong place.	
6	Any other business <u>1) Newsletters</u>	

	<p>It was noted that not all plotholders had received their email copy. RH stated this is because two email lists have yet be integrated and this will be done shortly. If you have a new email address please let the committee know. It was agreed that a few paper copies in the boxes would be helpful.</p> <p>2) <u>Woodchip/Manure</u></p> <p>These are tending to spread outside their allotted area. It was noted that Henry has been looking after the gate and turning suppliers away when he considers we have sufficient.</p> <p>3) <u>Rat traps</u></p> <p>John Wade advised that currently the rat traps are not being used as there are hedgehogs active on site. These can get caught in the traps but come to no harm if they are released rapidly.</p> <p>4) <u>Vote of thanks</u></p> <p>John Whitby proposed a vote of thanks for all the good work being done behind the scenes by John, Giuseppe and Henry.</p>	
8	The meeting closed at 12pm following the award of the competition prizes.	