

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 11.00 a.m.
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, John Carrig, Maria Casey, Christina Aston (Treasurer), Khrystyna McPeake
Apologies: -	Giuseppe de Vai, Don Eckford, Bryan Basdell, John Whitby,
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p><b>Meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted. It was noted that Julie Batten had resigned from the committee. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary chaired the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>CA reported that our total balance currently stands at £2593.07, including the takings from the September Open Day.</p> <p>CA and RH will sort out the cheque signatories after the AGM.</p>	CA/RH
3	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>The September Open Day was a success. There was a shortage of cakes, but plenty of other food. Phil Iddison was particularly to be thanked for supplying and selling so many jams and pickles on behalf of the Association. GdeV was thanked for hiring a skip prior to the Open Day to get rid of the rubbish accumulating around the shop. CA asked that we have a cleaning session of the kitchen area prior to Open Days. It was suggested that it would be useful to have some introductory leaflets and signage printed to help visitors as some seemed a bit lost.</p> <p>It was not clear who now has keys to the shop. RH to check with GdeV.</p> <p>Preparation for the AGM was reviewed. The annual accounts will be ready but the shop accounts will not be as stocktaking has yet to take place and CA is away for the next week. GdeV has already agreed to prepare a Chairman's letter and chair the meeting; he has also expressed a willingness to continue next year if wanted. All committee members present agreed to stand again. It was agreed that new members would be welcome, particularly for areas not represented.</p> <p>RH has posted notices on the gates for the AGM and competition winners. He has sufficient Squires vouchers and will obtain the certificate blanks. It was agreed not to award cups.</p> <p>It was agreed to sell any leftover chickpea flour at the AGM.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>
4	<p><b>Liaison with the Council</b></p> <p>The Council has agreed that plots 257A and 258A cannot be re-let and can be turned into a wildlife area, but has agreed to clear plots 127, 128 and 128A. MC to check this has happened. VP will liaise with the Council, surrounding ploholders, TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) and Cleve West who has agreed to help with the design</p> <p>The Council refuses to let neglected plots to existing ploholders until the waiting list is cleared. RH has supplied a list and the Council is chasing these up and has advised some have given up their plots. RH to ask the Council for the latest position and advise them we would be willing to have a new starters' day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	<p>MC/VP</p> <p>RH</p>

5	<b>Communications</b> KmcP was thanked for the last newsletter. She will send her current email list to RH who will compare this with the old list and add any missing addresses. It was agreed the next newsletter will be issued in January. KMcP agreed to edit, but all are to contribute.	KmcP/RH
6	<b>Community Area(s)</b> It was agreed to add 257A/258A as a second community area.	All
7	<b>Any Other Business</b> Thefts continue to be reported. and CA had suggested some form of CCTV could be implemented. Liza Mallah kindly investigated battery-operated movement-sensing camera systems, but they presented certain practical difficulties which could possibly be overcome. The next BRAG meeting is at the Triple Crown in Richmond at 7pm on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October. RH will be away and requested a volunteer to attend in his place. The next committee meeting will be held on Sunday <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> November 2017	