

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	2 nd June 2019 at 10.45.	
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Joseph Ambaye (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, Christina Aston (Treasurer), Khrystyna McPeake, David Wright, John Carrig, Gillian Wilkinson	
Apologies: -	Bryan Basdell, John Whitby	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p>Meeting of 31st March 2019</p> <p>The minutes were accepted. Actions arising:</p> <p>1) JA reported that the minor electrical work on the earthing strap was in hand.</p> <p>2) DW circulated his detailed estimate for complete renewal of the track to a good standard, but as this is nearly £45,000, this was immediately discounted as impossible. DW said the worst problem was access and the works would involve closing the track for some weeks. DW suggested as an alternative that we could persuade the Council to buy some scalpings and fill the main holes and then use a compactor. This would then need to be repeated at intervals over the years. DW to price up and JA to contact Council to see if they would agree. The committee thanked DW heartily for all the work he had put in.</p> <p>3) VP reported that Absolute Support London had yet to begin much work in the new community area.</p>	DW/JW
2	<p>Finance</p> <p>CA circulated the latest accounts and reported that the Open Day had raised over £500 net. At the moment our total assets stand at £2626.30.</p>	
3	<p>Events</p> <p>The Spring Open Day was reviewed. Although successful it was agreed we need better planning for the next one. Particular problems were:</p> <p>1) a shortage of mugs. VP agreed to obtain more.</p> <p>2) the lack of pizza maker. We need to advertise for a volunteer This could be in the next newsletter.</p> <p>3) Waste disposal is a major issue. Someone needs to take away all the rubbish. We need to have a separate bag for recycling and, if possible, reduce our use of plastic.</p> <p>JA proposed that we re-introduce competitions this year and suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best plot • Best newcomer • Children's best scarecrow • Children's poster designs for new Open Day posters. <p>It was agreed to resolve this by email exchanges. It needs to be done fairly urgently to be included in the next newsletter and for notices to be put up in good time.</p>	<p>VP KMCP</p> <p>All</p>
4	<p>Liaison with the Council</p> <p>1) Following the ban on bonfires, JA outlined his plan for a communal composting area, being a caged area for material such as tree branches not compostable by individual plotholders. The Council has agreed to provide a chipper for this from time to time, but will not be responsible for disposal of the contents. The area will be open at regular times and it was agreed this could be manned by committee members on a rota system. This approach was agreed in principle and plot 33 was</p>	

	<p>identified as a potential site. JA to progress.</p> <p>It was proposed that we should issue advice on composting and also on organic gardening. [An advice note exists on composting but needs updating]</p> <p>2) The Council is pushing hard for us to provide plot numbering throughout the site and JA has investigated various options, including providing new starters with a sign when they arrive. One option is to involve plotholders' children to create something as there are now more on site. JA to progress.</p> <p>3) It was proposed that to try and get neglected plots let, the Council could offer a 'fast track' to those on the waiting list willing to undertake the extra work involved. DW suggested that if we covered existing rubbish with tarpaulins more might not be added. JA has asked the Council to clear plots 115A and those associated with it entirely.</p> <p>4) It was agreed that we should have a showaround for new starters early in July. RH to organise.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p> <p>RH</p>
5	<p>Communications</p> <p>KMcP said the next issue of the newsletter is overdue. Ideas for this are to be sent to her.</p>	KmcP All
6	<p>Community Areas</p> <p>Our thanks were recorded for those maintaining the raised beds so successfully.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1) It was agreed by all that Gillian Wilkinson should be seconded on to the committee with immediate effect and she was warmly welcomed.</p> <p>2) Pallets are readily available to repair the South car park bins, but volunteers are needed to carry out the work.</p> <p>3) DW noted that he often had from work old paving slabs which he would be happy to bring for sale in the shop. JA to check with GdeV on current shop opening hours.</p>	JA
8	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Sunday 28th July 2019 at 11.00am.</p>	