

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	27 th July 2019 at 11.00	
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Joseph Ambaye (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Bryan Basdell, Khrystyna McPeake (part time), David Wright, John Carrig, Gillian Wilkinson	
Apologies: -	Maria Casey, Vicky Phillips, Christina Aston, John Whitby – VP and CA provided written contributions	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p>Meeting of 2nd June 2019</p> <p>The minutes were accepted. Actions arising:</p> <p>1) JA had contacted the Council regarding the track and this will be discussed, along with the communal composting during David Allister's visit on 30th July.</p> <p>2) JA reported that Giuseppe was now more regularly in attendance, but it was not always clear whether the shop was open. RH to devise a sign.</p>	RH
2	<p>Finance</p> <p>In the absence of CA, RH stated that he believed there had been no transactions in the month.</p>	
3	<p>Events</p> <p>Although the Autumn Open Day had been provisionally set for Saturday 7th September, it was noted that several committee members would be missing, so it was agreed that RH would circulate an availability chart urgently for dates in September, also to others who help. There would then be a Volunteer Day one week earlier.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the following competitions this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best plot • Best newcomer • Children's best scarecrow <p>RH will approach potential candidate to act as judges and put up notices. We would also call non-competitively for children's poster designs for new Open Day posters to be displayed on the day.</p>	RH
4	<p>Liaison with the Council</p> <p>1) JA and RH will discuss the proposal for a common composting site as an alternative to bonfires with David Allister and Pete Lewis. It was noted that there had been objections from ploholders near the proposed site and there are concerns over fly tipping, rats and the spread of pernicious weeds. It was also unclear how the material would be disposed of. JA/RH would also clarify the use of incinerators as another option. They will report back on the outcome of the meeting.</p> <p>2) JA has asked the council for funding for the installation of plot numbers across the site. He understands the Council have already ordered 85 number plates, but these need to be suitably mounted.</p> <p>3) RH reported that the Council seem to be progressing well with the management of the waiting list and the letting of plots using ploholders to show new starters plots on an individual basis, but it was not clear on what basis they were approaching which ploholders and this needs to be clarified. JA to reissue to the Council a definitive list. This system also means that new ploholders are not</p>	JA/RH

	always known to the committee and cannot be welcomed or added to our distribution list. All reported that neglected plots remain a problem.	JA
5	Communications KMcP said the next issue of the newsletter is being held pending resolution of the Open Day date and the communal composting plans.	
6	Community Areas VP reported that Absolute Support London had done no work and she had asked them if they were still interested. Unless this is resolved soon, it was agreed that the Council be asked to re-let these plots before they deteriorate.	
7	Any Other Business 1) Pallets are readily available to repair the South car park bins, but volunteers are needed to carry out the work. JA/DW volunteered to progress this. 2) JC noted that he had lost several fruit trees due to fireblight and he has to destroy these. He has also advised the Council. 3) it was agreed to put up a notice advising that the Hampton Food Bank can take veg if it can be delivered to YMCA White House on Tuesday mornings	JA/DW RH
8	Next Meetings The next meeting will be held on Sunday 29 th September 2019 at 11.00am.	