

Bushy Park Allotment Association

Committee Meeting - Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 11am

Attendees: - Giuseppe de Vai, Hugh Munro, Sarka Bokova, Julie Batten, Phil Iddison, Sarah Horrell, Hana Malcekova & Noel Burke

Minutes

1) Welcome and apologies:

Apologies received from John Wade & David Wright. David had provided volunteered his inputs for the open day.

2) Council letting of surrendered and derelict plots:

The Allotments Officer held a viewing day on Saturday 15th April, 10 prospective tenants were shown around and we await notification of the new tenants details. Four committee members supported the Council at the viewing. The Council have asked if the Committee will arrange viewings for a further 6 keen prospective tenants. The Committee agreed to organise Showing Days for those new tenants. The Council would have to provide contact details of the people on the waiting list and a list of vacant plots. Ninety-seven people on the waiting list were contacted and there was no response from sixty-one of them, a further 20 were no longer interested or had left the Borough!

3) AGM;

The AGM was held on Saturday 25th March 2023 at 11:00 AM, thirty tenants attended, the minutes have been circulated to all on the email list. There was a seed swap after the event.

4) Spring Plant Sale & Open Day;

The Spring Plant Sale & Open Day will be held on Saturday 13th May 2023, Noon to 3PM and will follow the usual format.

The Committee members agreed their inputs to the preparatory work that will be required and also on the day.

Donations of home prepared food were particularly appreciated and also obviously spare plants. Vegetarian food was preferred.

PI to issue details in a newsletter.

5) AOB;

Committee members had reported neglected plots in their area to the Council Officer. A list of vacant plots had been requested from the Council, but no response had been received.

Members noted that indiscriminate dumping of material was continuing, this should be reported to the Council. Options to hire a skip and perhaps levy a charge for its use were discussed.

There was still a serious water leak at plot 76 which was preventing the water being turned on, Council had been notified and this needed urgent resolution.

The detached main gate padlock had also been reported to the Council.

It was noted that people were dumping compostable material in the woody waste area, it was solely for woody plant material, not old sheds and green material.

6) Website:

A tenant had taken on the revival of the website, thanks for her efforts and more news at the next meeting.

7) Next Committee Meetings:

Next meeting will be on Sunday 4th June 2023 at 11:00 AM. Thereafter there will be meetings on 30/7, 24/9 and 26/11/2023.

End of minutes