

SHEPHERD'S HILL ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION AGM 30TH NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Rachel Allison(Chair), Fran Blackburn, Tessa Bull, Eve Featherstone, Nick Finlay, Les Garner, Julia Grant, Annie Griffiths, Sue Heap, Natalie Jones, Claudia Keenlyside, Lynn Malloy, Juliet Mann, Jo Murray, Jill Pack, David Phelps, Vince Pope, Ian Potts, Colin Reading, Kathy Riddle, Jeff Somerfield, Gary Sycamore, Susan Teece, Paul Toy, Chris Warham, Gepke Warham, Jacky Wedgwood, Liz Wood, Trevor Wyatt.

Around 35-40 people attended but others either did not sign in or wrote illegibly.

1. Apologies: Tracey Gardiner, Elliot Hodges, Liane Payne

2. Minutes of AGM 2015 & Matters arising: Minutes agreed. No matters arising.

3. Chair's report:

Communications: thanks to Charlie Sweeney for setting up the website. We are now using Mailchimp for site emails: 10 tenants have no email, 1 has unsubscribed. We hope to see more use of the Forum on the website: this is only open to tenants.

Repairs/asset management: we haven't managed as much as we would have liked. Nick F is in conversation with contractors about repairs to the Montenotte gate and roadway. Dick Tomlinson (Allotment officer) visited on Monday 28th to do an asset survey and has identified fence and path repairs and a number of trees which need felling/pruning.

Waiting list/site inspections: 5 members of the committee have helped with site inspections. 11 plots have been allocated this year reducing the waiting list by 14 to 169 plus the 35 who have previously deferred and been on the list for up to 10 years. We have agreed a deferral policy to reduce the build-up. This is a work in progress and we hope to reduce our list further by directing prospective tenants who are outside the immediate area to sites in Tottenham/Wood Green which have smaller waiting lists.

Plant Sale: this was the usual fantastic success, another record-breaking year. We also had an extremely successful first plant and seed swap on 30th October which we intend to repeat in early spring.

Rachel thanked all the committee member who are standing down: Richard, Liane, Tracey, Esther and Jill.

Rachel ended by thanking Gary, Kathy, Les and Nick for restanding plus Annie and Trevor who are joining them.

Nick Finlay (Treasurer) thanked Rachel for her term as Chair and Bruno for his 15 years as Site Secretary.

4. Proposed amendment to the Constitution: an amendment was proposed for one year to elect at the November 2016 AGM 10 committee members who divide the roles and responsibilities between them. At the first committee meeting they will appoint a Treasurer and Committee secretary. The roles of Chair and Site secretary may be filled. There must be one point of contact with Haringey. Further committee members can still be co-opted.

The amendment was passed: 1 abstention, 1 against, all others in favour.

5. Treasurer's report: Nick thanked Chris Warham for his role as Treasurer. The site financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March. The accounts for the year 1st April 2015-31st March 2016 plus 1st April 2016-4th October 2016 were presented in a separate report. This year we have bought a generator to replace one stolen and joined the RHS and taken out insurance through them. We still haven't received our 2016 grant from the Council. We may have to pay for repairs and maintenance but have adequate funds for this. We are having discussions with contractors about gate and path/track repairs. The Plant sale did very well – thanks to Annie – and we gave £450 to the Harington Scheme.

6. Elections: As only 6 people have been nominated to stand for the committee no elections are necessary. The 6 are:

Nick Finlay, Les Garner, Annie Griffiths, Kathy Riddle, Gary Sycamore and Trevor Wyatt.

7. AOB: there was no AOB and the meeting closed at 8.30.

Kathy Riddle, 7th December 2016