

## EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 19.00

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox and Christine Charles, Kim Tompsett, Mardien Drew, Hilary Wright.

New members introduced themselves. Christina produced a historical allotment report to illustrate how Allotment Chairman in the past were listened to.

### SECTION A

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted and the points arising are noted in the various reports apart from:

- *Jon is going to the "Lock" shop to see if we can synchronise the replaced lock.(ongoing)*
- *Bee -keepers need to get a certificate in Bee management*
- *Dwarf tree rootstock for fruit trees is for a later discussion.*

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

#### AGM

- Successful
- We need to produce an agenda one month before the AGM so that members can propose resolutions.
- Kim is going to nominate are financial year end
- The next AGM will approx the third week in April i.e for the new plothead year.

#### BUBBLE

- Has a strapline "Do something good"
- Christina did a talk with Simon who is now one of the poster boys for the scheme.
- There is a website for volunteering and Christina has put the volunteer days down on it.

#### SPRINGTIME MONEY

- A Council initiative with grants up to £500

#### EXPERIAN

- There is match-funding from Experian for the Space-Hive project (up to £5000). We are offering Volunteer hours as the match funding.

## WALPOLE WARD FORUM

- Simon and Christina went to the meeting. Councillor Gareth Shaw had checked we were being considered for the big grant and the deciding team know that all three of our councillors are backing it.

## EALING ALLOTMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING.

- There are three people on our waiting list who would be eligible to also be on the list for Hanwell and could stand a chance of getting a plot much quicker.
- Richard Wiltshire will be the speaker at the EAP AGM on th18th February. He specialises in self-management.

## MEETING WITH PATHWAYS

- We will be receiving £3979 in one payment. That is approx. £700 more than this year.

## CONCERN OVER PLOT 241

- Peter and Alison are also concerned about plot 241.
- We need a party wall agreement over the plans to build an extension as this abuts the boundary of the allotment.
- It was noted that Pathways are not allowed to sell any of the land "it is not in their remit".
- They will receive a non-cultivation letter.

## LOVEDAY ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

- Mr and Mrs Maxton invited Christine to the Watch scheme meeting. She is concerned about them planning to plant anything in Radbourne Walk as it is Allotment land.

## RUBBISH

*ACTION POINT. RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS RUBBISH COLLECTIONS SCHEMES AS AN ADJUNCT TO SKIPS.*

## VOLUNTEER DAY

- Went well. A whole section of the rubbish around the fence was cleared.
- A mid-winter barbeque was undertaken. Everyone survived.
- Christina and Simon completed the section and put some woodchip under a tree on the long walk where no grass would grow.

## FACEBOOK PAGE CREATED

- Christina has invited five people onto the page as a start.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Account has approx. £1500 in it.

*ACTION POINT: Kim has asked for estimates of up-coming expenditures to create a cashflow until the next Pathways money arrives. Some are mentioned in the sections below.*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Christine is continuing to check any Communications coming in to Pathways.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- Radbourne Walk. Sweeping Mud and clearing thatch from trees.
- The tool situation seems fine . (ongoing)
- Simon will decide which Volunteer days will be "Allotment" and which "Radbourne Walk" These will be on the calendar. The next one will be fence/hedgerow clearance. Long Walk Path in May June.
- Skips not on Volunteer Days
- Allotment Pump Project. 4 Wells. Approximate cost £500 to be staggered over several months because of Cash flow. (See Above) Very useful for when the water is turned off.
- *ACTION POINT TO ENCOURAGE WATER COLLECTION OFF SHEDS.*
- 194 fence posts have been replaced
- Noticeboards for gates created from Perspex clipboards.
- Sand for aerating the grass to be purchased.
- Tap "mended" by Kim. Can't check until the water is turned on.

## JON'S REPORT

- Jon has changed the front page so that new additions are shown at the top.
- The site is clearer and better on "other devices"

## ANDERSON SHELTER/ HISTORY GROUP

- A project to put the Anderson Shelter on the site (229) with the pump. Good for Open Days etc. Dig For Victory.
- The History Group are going to create a Stall for Craft Fairs etc including one in September. Simon's collection of Antique/historical tools will be part of it.

## SHERWOOD CLOSE

- The Company developing the site is Affinity Sutton
- Mixture of private/social housing with some council
- 9 storeys high
- They have done a Light Level Analysis

- We can have a discussion with them but the scheme is being favourably considered because there is a mixture of housing and there are more units than the present site.

#### YAHOO GROUP

- Sending e mails through the group so that all the members see it rather than just the sender.

#### NEXT MEETING

10<sup>TH</sup> March 7.30