

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 19.30

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

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)*
- *A Budget for rubbish collection is being created*
- *Pathways are now accepting payment by BACS.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

- Christina went to the Ealing Partnership AGM. Nothing significant to report.

Loveday Road Neighbourhood Watch scheme. They are starting to develop links more at the Mattock Lane End. They have concerns some of which involve Radbourne Walk.

- Teenagers congregating at the Mattock Lane End
- People taking drugs and drinking in the Walk. Syringes have been found both in the Walk and thrown into gardens.
- If we see anything or find anything to keep a record for the police. If we can help the residents show there is a problem there is more chance of the police providing a regular presence.

ACTION POINT: Let people know (via e-mail) the police number.

EDAS LETTERS

- Gentle reminders are going out to remind people to cultivate their plots.
- A letter to 204 re trees.

BUBBLE

- Has a strapline "Do something good" Well, they have and given us £500 with a recommendation for outreach projects. We already have the possibility of a "roadshow" with the History Group; an open day; the pump and Anderson shelter projects with an educational slant.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Account has approx. £1500 in it with £500 as above to come

ACTION POINT (ongoing) Kim had asked for estimates of up-coming expenditures to create a cashflow until the next Pathways money arrives.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(ongoing) Christine is continuing to check any Communications coming in to Pathways. Alison wanted communication to the plot holders paying in cash as to when the office is available to receive it.

ACTION POINT: Posters and notices on the Gates for Open Day etc.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- Volunteer day had a "Community Feel". Even Simon enjoyed it! Tea was served mid-morning. After lunch people stayed to chat. The Facebook page attracted a volunteer. They cleared metal, glass and rubbish.
- The metal will be picked up and the wood burnt.
- Tidying the area by David Reed's plot. Side branches.
- Simon has decided which Volunteer days will be "Allotment" and which "Radbourne Walk" These will be on the calendar.
- Skips not on Volunteer Days
- Materials for the Long Walk grass repair have been agreed and ordered.
- *ACTION POINT TO ENCOURAGE WATER COLLECTION OFF SHEDS.*
- Sign about rubbish in general area (Simon)

JON'S REPORT

- The website is upgraded and working
- Moved the hosting provider. £ 35 per annum
- Information about doing new things
- Calendar (What's on). Jon to add as needed. Rent day on and the water on 1st May.

RUBBISH

- After much deliberation we are having a skip straight away to clear the rubbish from the volunteer day.
- *ACTION POINT: If we have a "wheelie bin" for glass we have to check on collections*

CATERING

- Supplies for the Volunteer Days to be costed. Gas checked and a "tea urn" purchased.

MAINTENANCE PLOT

- 170 b as a Maintenance plot. Decisions to be made over the rent.

BULK BUYING

We had a long discussion about the relative merits/problems of bulk buying items for the allotment including manure and considered what we might do with it when it arrived.

- Blondin Allotment have a lockable container for bulk purchases.
- We need to have as a "future project" a lockable possibility

MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Now we are up and running we need to decide with each project

- What is for Volunteers Days
- What do we allocate to professional tradesmen e.g plumber
- What do we ask Simon/ Declan etc. to do but pay out of the Maintenance Budget.
- Simon to oversee but we don't have to wait for committee meetings to discuss. Can do it by e mail.

AOB

Hilary produced an extensive document about best practice for new plot holders to be discussed.

NEXT MEETING

14TH April 7.30