

## EDAS MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7.30 FORRESTER

PRESENT: Christina Fox, Crispin Harris, Ian Wilkins, Simon Coleman, Penny Wark, Tana Scott and Emma Payler-Lodge.

APOLOGIES: Christine Charles

### 1.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### **Ongoing**

We have written to the Ward Forums of Northfields and Walpole who have offered money to support the Halloween Event. **PENNY**

Organising a Gazebo

Road Closure information for future events if we need it

#### **Chairs Report – April 2019**

On Monday 8th April Penny, Crispin and I met with Bukky McGlynn the new Chief Exec of Pathways and Alice MacKenzie a Pathways' trustee. They wanted to officially inform us that the management team and trustees had met on an away day and decided that Pathways will NOT be building on Northfield allotment.

There has been a change in chief exec and a substantial changeover of trustees since the development was first announced back in September 2016. The new trustees feel that green space and allotments are important and so building on Northfields would not be the right thing to do.

As you can image this is a huge relief. To know we have saved the allotments is great news. I believe that the public and political support was incredibly important. I'm sure it helped persuade the trustees that the allotments are loved by local residents – not just plot holders. I have a lot of thank-you letters to write.

But, we must not let our guard down. We all need to keep the allotments in good order and continue to open the gates to show everyone this wonderful place. It took a change of trustees to reverse the decision. So, we need to be aware that a future change of trustees and financial circumstances might mean we are back on the campaign trail. It's just that next time - we'll be ready.

Plots rented out: 147 Gardening Club X1 Plot 153A Plot 149B Plots available: Plot 230B (bee plot) Plot 229B (new gardening club) Plot 216

- There has been one termination (plot 153A)
- Tana and I met with several more plotholders to talk about non cultivation.
- Tana and I have been trying to find a new bee keeper for 230B
- Penny and I met with plot 204B

I've spent some time going through the waiting list and adding new names that have recently applied. Waiting list currently has 46 people on it. Eleven are in the Gardening club, one is helping out on the Heritage Plot and 1 on the EDAS fruit garden. I've written to all the new applicants to confirm they

are on the list and let them know about the volunteer days. They are all added to Mailchimp.

I attended the EAP (Ealing Allotment Partnership) AGM. Their two speakers were excellent. One from Ealing Transitions and Daniel raven Elison who is the driving force behind designating London a Nation Park city. I also attended the Ealing and Hanwell committee meeting and the EAPcommittee meeting. So, tonight's meeting makes it three in a row!

Action Points:

- Define Deadlines for people moving etc.
- Focus on Open Day for Sign ups
- Notices on Boards
- Removing "Save our Allotments" Notices.

## **MAINTENANCE**

Trial areas on the paths

Skip

New person for the heritage plot

## **Secretary's report**

AGM Timetable ongoing, See below,

### **Treasurer's report - 10th April 2019**

Bank balances as at 31/03

Site management account: £ 3,519.63 (was £ 3,489.63)

Campaign/Fundraising account: £ 22,706.34 (was £ 22,712.31)

Income & expenditure in March

1/ Site management account:

£ 0.00 out

£ 30.00 in (1x Gardening Club rent [227-4] )

Net change: £ 30.00 increase

2/ Fundraising account:

£ 5.97 out

£ 0.00 in

Net change: £ 5.97 decrease

Expected for April

1/ Site management

£520 1 x skip and various expenses

Fundraising Account

£0

**Action point. Thoughts for Budget items**

**4. Web- site**

**Action Point. On-going Addition of Pictures CHRISTINA**

**Wording of the Development decision to Pathways before posting**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**5.AGM**

Looked at the schedule.

- Mail chimp Nomination Forms to Plot holders and post to non computer people. Crispin, Penny, Jon and Christina **DONE**

- Christine, Jon and Crispin to come off the committee
- Simon to put up postbox. **DONE**
- **Accounts completing Jon**

## **6.MAINTENANCE PART TWO**

Plan for the compost bins. Now there are some clear they can be used for Radbourne walk hedge clippings etc.

## **7. GATES INTO THE RADBOURNE WALK**

Concern about damage to Conservation on Radbourne walk from Loveday Road gates in people's back gardens.

**Action point: What is Pathways role in this?**

## **8.OPEN DAY**

### **ONGOING**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July which avoids the Saturday clashes.

- Volunteer Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Prize Certificates displayed on the plots.
- Possible Barbeque in the evening.
- **NEED MORE HELP WITH THE CAKES (PERSON?)**
- **FACE PAINTING NEGOTIATION (PERSON?)**
- **Planning meeting and schedule.**
- **Proceeds to be divided between projects.**
- **DRINKS LICENCE (CHRISTINA)**

## **9.SPRING SITE SURVEY IN MAY**

Possibly the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

## **10.LONDON IN BLOOM ONGOING**

Preparation of information for London in Bloom (Emma) She is going to create a "Development Plan"

Ealing in Bloom (Tana) will be re-invented for schools and Allotments as Cultivating Ealing

## **11.FUNDRAISING ONGOING**

**We need costings for each of the elements of the communal plot.**

**Tana is going to mark the plot out to see what the ideas look like.**

## **12.SKIP IN MAY IS FOR PLOTHOLDERS**

## **13. HEDGES**

**Designated community asset. The committee are responsible for all management of the Hedges and this needs to be part of the plottolders understanding.**

## **14. ALLOTMENT HELPERS**

**If plottolders are asking friends and family to help them then in principle they need to be on-site with them. The committee needs to know who is on-site.**

## **15. Items for the Newsletter**

**The skip**

**Dates for your diary**

**Look at the changes on the web-site.**

## **AOB**

**Meeting with Pathways to be arranged**

Next Meeting date 8<sup>th</sup> May