

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES of meeting, 4pm 18 April 2021 (on Plot 194)

Present: Penny Wark, Jane Morris, Tana Scott, Dominic Small, Jon Wilkins
Apologies: Richard Ashcroft

Plots Rented / Available

· The site is fully rented; the waiting list remains in excess of 250 and is growing each month

Maintenance Tasks

- PW is keeping ongoing list of maintenance tasks
- Shed base completion
- Regular supply of volunteers to be made available for fruit garden weeding if needed by those present and managing the garden
- Check and trim outside fence especially Radbourne
- Mowing and strimming
- Organise skip in June ahead of any open day

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Break Ins

- Reviewing following break ins and thefts from a number of sheds.
- Need to remove soil and composting materials piled up against perimeter fence, making it easy to get out of the plot over the fence. TS to speak to relevant plotholders
- Barbed wire over gates needs looking at
- Possibility of reinforcing gates with bars

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End of Financial Year

- The committee year and the finance year are not concurrent this time round because of covid restrictions.
- Accounts for 2021-22 to be completed and published
- Planning to hold next annual meeting in May 2022 to synchronise AGM with end of financial year.

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Gardening Club Tenancy Agreement

- Agreed that EDAS should join National Allotment Society for one year in the first instance
- Funds from Gardening Club income make this cost neutral to EDAS
- Suggestions discussed for gardening club sub-letting document. PW to send amended draft to Committee and then NAS.

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Mailing to Members

- Mailing to include volunteer day invitation and information about break-ins

Cultivating Ealing Competition

- The EDAS site will be entering this allotments competition (judging is 7-11 June and 19-23 July). Individual plot holders can also enter.

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Covid

- The present situation was reviewed and it was agreed to continue as at present, tracking government advice in place at any given time

Website

- The website team has met and is developing various suggestions

Maintenance Plot

- The plot has an excess of ribbon slabs that are not needed, and it was agreed these could be given away, as long as it was clear they were not to be used for paths

Open Day

- It was agreed that an open day could be planned and a date agreed by the committee before the next meeting via an online exchange of information
- Committee members to investigate possible clashes with Pitzhanger Park, Fielding and Mount Carmel
- Christina Fox needs a provisional date to apply for a drinks licence
- JW had researched costs and uses of a card reader as an alternative alongside previous practice of cash-only. JW to make further enquiries and final decision on this to be taken at next meeting.

Pathways Visit

- Two members of Pathways team are visiting the site on 11 May and it was agreed this was a good opportunity to build relationships rather than make requests

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