

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

MINUTES of zoom meeting, 5pm 3 January 2021

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

Committee Meetings

PW will make sure any matters arising are on the next agenda. Where relevant, matters will be flagged up in advance with necessary information so that discussions can be well informed.

Plots

- The site is fully rented with half and full plots
- There are two gardening club plots to let on 234.
- Waiting list: 206 for half plots (including those on GC plots); 6 for full plots.

Arrears Pathways say that 26 people are in arrears with rental payments. The majority appear not to have received renewal documents from Pathways. Penny is liaising with ploholders and with Pathways.

Jam Sales £410 net profit from jam sales so far. ~£125 in stock still available, which can be saved for the summer.

Maintenance

February jobs could include

- Mattock Lane corner hedge and sycamore. Could be done separately from volunteer morning – Simon and helpers with someone barrowing
- Preparation of shed base (not urgent but useful to do)
- Reorganise and tidy maintenance plot compost heaps. Check what might be buried. Move wood for burning
- Pollard Lime tree on main drive. Also Willow.
- Discussion on relative merits of woodchip vs sand on main path. Agreed to try woodchip particularly in muddy patches. Shouldn't affect mowing.

Ladder Purchase. Suggestion that we might buy a [Henchman](#) ladder for safe access for maintenance jobs.

The 'One Metre Rule'

A review of the rule that all structures are one metre from all boundaries. This is in place so ploholders can enjoy their plots and have good wheelbarrow access. The present system is not working well and we want to see if it can be improved. We will try the following and review later in the year:

- ploholder to request permission for structure on plot
- they are sent the 'shed letter' with relevant information on our requirements
- they meet a committee member onsite for a conversation before they start
- agree where structure goes with sticks in place plus a photo

The one metre rule stands but there may be occasional specific situations where some flexibility is possible.

Website Rough draft of new website to be sent round committee

London in Bloom It was decided not to enter this in 2021

Next Meeting: 5pm Sunday 21 February 2021