

Minutes of AGM of Cross Houses Allotment-holders Group 13/4/24, 11am at the Chapel Community Centre

Apologies: Mary Lewis, Daniel Corfield, Jaqueline Cooley, Bev + Tim Jones, Len Tunnell

Present: Robert Pugh, Ian James, Mick Lee, Tina Aldridge, Cameron Moffett, Denise Kirk, Maggie + Keith Webster, Will Tunnell, Caroline Savage, Darren Curtis, Caroline Cartner, Ken Butcher, Mark Cooley

1. Minutes X 2 accepted
2. Re-election of existing committee
3. Financial: many rents already paid online, more rents paid at AGM. IJ gave financial report: bank balance is healthy at £650
4. Tenancies: Kevin Meredith stood down after c. 20 years and will be missed. Jaqueline and Mark Cooley's have his plot now. Alexander's plot to Bev and Tim Jones, Caroline Butler couldn't take up a 2nd plot so one on far side taken up by the Tunnells, Sharon and Darren Curtis at bottom, next to communal herb garden. All plots are now taken but there is no one on the waiting list.
5. The brick wall: The hedge plants provided by the Parish Council to close up the top right corner of the site after the repair of the wall have taken. There were issues with dog walkers cutting through there, but hopefully the barrier installed has put an end to that.
6. Communal greenhouse: IJ has done the annual clean up in the communal greenhouse. We are all welcome to use this, but it needs a conversation with Ian first. Do not use right-hand door.
7. Communal herb garden: IJ talked us through what he has planted in the new communal herb garden. More herbs welcome but have a chat with Ian before planting so he knows what is in there (Many thanks to him for all his hard work)
8. Maintenance (done and needed): IJ moved the noticeboard after the rails where it was formerly mounted failed. Repaired. He also undertook repairs to the shelter. Maintenance to be done this year: post of gate needs replacing, bargeboard on shed needs putting back after it fell off. Pruning of hedge at bottom and apple trees in centre (for next winter). The Committee has agreed to pay for new edging where plot-holders are prepared to undertake the replacement work, est cost c. £63. Speak to IJ or CM.
9. Reminder of rules: IJ reminded members of the core rule: no dumping of waste, please either compost on your plot or remove off site as we have no rubbish collection service of any kind. Also a reminder about the guidelines regarding bonfires: you can burn smaller amounts of dry material in the top right corner – we do have an incinerator – but only when the wind is not blowing straight into the Chestnuts. Choose a day/time when people are not likely to have their laundry out to dry.
10. Some seed were swapped
11. Voluntary hours: IJ 30 hours, Len T 7 for tree pruning and wheelbarrow, CM 8 hours, ML 8 hours

12. AOB: CM encouraged people to use up the compost in the muck bin at the top of the site. WT will post a copy of the plots plan in the noticeboard and CM will add list of tenants. MW asked for there to be a summer barbeque as a more social event than the November bonfire and this was agreed – CM to come up with a date. CM requested that people storing tools in the top shed label or mark these so she can see which ones are not current. There are now a marker and some labels in there.

Date of next meeting: end Sept/end of October, TBC

Cameron Moffett

Group Secretary

April 21, 2024