

## EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7.30pm, The Forester's Downstairs.

Present: Christina Fox, Clare Harrington, Martin Newhouse, Craig Evans

1. Apologise for absence Jon Wilkins
  2. The minutes of the September meeting were approved
  3. There are 401 people on the waiting list
  4. GC plots are to be rented out after Halloween. A separate waiting list for GC outside of the main waiting list should be maintained. New Gardening club members should be invited to MM. A discussion took place about how we would induct them at 11:30. They can be given the choice. It was decided that they be invited for 10:15 and if they want to stay for the volunteering day they can.
  5. The 4<sup>th</sup> November is a MM but it is also Bonfire night. New GC members can be invited. A number of half plots were available, a discussion took place to see whether we could break up these half plots. The volunteering element of the gardening club was seen as an advantage .
  6. Last Maintenance Morning went well. Except the toilets. CE agreed to clean them. It was discussed that there was a rats next near the top toilet and it was decided to let nature take its course. The maintenance folder is available and the Chair said anyone can add action to the folder
  7. The list and the dynamics of those waiting for a full plot were discussed. Those that decline stay on the spreadsheet "on hold" and the onus shifts to them to contact us. A reminder email will be sent to them periodically.  
A set of regulations will be determined in the future for this 'holding pen'
  7. Halloween -Tickets for Halloween- The CM went through the list of jobs and the jobs were ticked off one by one . Lighting was discussed and functional lighting rather than decorative lighting was decided. The Décor plan was discussed.  
H & S around the entrance . The step down should be well lit and highlighted. Woodchip should be put down. Woodchips need to be sourced. MW will put some chip down.  
A sold out sign should be attached to the main event sign.  
Sausages were discussed and Costco was suggested. New decorations from TK Maxx
- The leak on the northern side of the site was discussed. It was decided that Pathways should be informed as it is believed to be their responsibility.
- The metal pile should be cleared before Halloween and then the bins can be put in the metal pile area.

Allergy signs should be printed out and laminated. The bar license is going to be placed in clear pocket and displayed behind the bar.

8. Bonfires were discussed, and a discrepancy was discovered between the two dates for bonfires. The chair explained that the previous CEO of Pathways had banned bonfires. Haslemere allotment holders who keep bees – must legally allow a bonfire if there is disease in the hive. It was decided that the handbook rules should be followed as this was agreed with Pathways, and the signs in the toilets and the noticeboards should be removed. Mailchimp about bonfires. Also it provides an opportunity to invite the plot holders to the communal bonfire.

9. AOB – A plot holder has invited us to go to pathways on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the irregular nature of the billing of the allotments. The CM felt that it would be beneficial to meet regularly with Pathways

10. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, The Forresters – 7:30.

There is to be a special Halloween planning meeting held Tue 24<sup>th</sup> October.