

Minutes of the Gander Green Allotment Committee

Sunday 25 June 2017

Those Present: Gordon Taylor
Raymond Bradley
Alan LeConte
Joe Ambrosano (absent)
Joseph Jesus (absent)
Anthea Schmid
Karen Bell
Diane Rowsome
Chris Rowsome
Ron Drinkwater
Sarah

1 Minutes of last Meeting - Actions

Perspex to be put on back of flip down tables for notices – outstanding action
incorrect website address is on the notice in shop and outside on gates – outstanding action.
Painting the shop - work party required – outstanding action
Side gate path working party – Still to be organised
Distribution of small leaflets to sheds – Still to be organised

Potato fest Karen to send Diane the accounts for the minutes - done

2 Plant Sales

Plant sale profits were £185 sold in shop, £108 less £20 expenses sold in food, £313 plants.

It was agreed that the new pricing system worked. Food – bacon should be cooked on the BBQ next time as not much was sold as people were unaware – need the smell of bacon cooking!

3 SUMMER BBQ Sunday 16th July 2017

Bill to rope off the car park. Helpers required arrive to help put up gazebo and arrange tables, chairs and BBQ.

Actions

Gordon to put up big posters and Anthea to distribute flyers
Anthea and Karen to get food etc – decided on fresh burgers and hot dogs to be cooked on BBQ instead of in water.
Anthea to organise a float.
Chris and Gordon to cook.
Karen and Diane to sell the food
Pricing as per last year.

4 WINE EVENING – Thursday 17th August 2017

Push summer wine evening to other plot holders – Agreed no selling of food etc just bring your own snack (cheese and biscuits etc) for plot holders and their families - this event will be held by the shop.

Action

Raymond to email plot holders with event details.

4. Any Other Business

Working Parties:

Sign up sheet for work parties required – Need to plan the following working parties:

Painting shop

Side Gate Paths

Complaints:

Discussed house owner in gander green lane who complains about noise when people are strimming their plots – Anthea said she would speak to them (not to go alone – must be accompanied by someone else).

Signage:

Sign on front needs changing - website incorrect – Ron to organise new sign

Signs required re leaving rubbish in car park and sign at the entrances

Notice board required on store room door

Paint signs on the back of fold down tables re shop opening times etc.

Website and Facebook:

Chris to look into new website server and give Raymond a price.

Page and group on the Facebook page was discussed.

New Function Shed:

Anthea informed the committee that they could get hold of a large shed which they would put on the plot near car park for the committee to use for functions – this was agreed.

New Allotment Site Managers:

Anthea informed the committee that the council no longer runs the allotments. The SLA has been given to a company called Idverde who took over in February. Contact name is Phil Quirke email address:

phil.quirke@idverde.co.uk

Anthea reported that there is some concern about the new company as they have not come to cut the gully grass and they haven't come to fix the broken tap – apparently no one is there as they are all on holiday.

It was agreed for Anthea to request the SLA from the council for discussion at the next meeting and to report to the council that these items have not been done.

Raymond to email out event details (BBQ and Wine Evening) and also let plot holders know the change of site management with a suggestion to come along to the event to find out more.

5 Dates of future meetings and events

SUMMER BBQ Sunday 16th July 2017

WINE EVENING – Thursday 17th August 2017

Committee Meeting to discuss Flower and Veg Organisation – **Sunday 27th August 11.30am**

FLOWER AND VEG SHOW Sunday 10th September 2017

Committee Meeting to discuss Bonfire Night – **Sunday 22nd October 11.30am**

BONFIRE NIGHT Sunday 5th November 2017

AGM Sunday 10th December 2017 11.30am

The Meeting closed at 12.30pm

