

SMITHAM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
Held on the 16th March 2019 at “The Shed” at 11am

Present: Eddie Nash, Ann Shore, Pauline Ben Ari, Barbara Broggio, Colin & Aniko Derrick, Ramon Farooki, Kate Flint, Simon Little, Heather Lovegrove, Graham Pilmoor, Caroline Higgins, Andy Sparkes

Apologies: Dave Champness, Helen Cramer, John Dicken, Dave & Phil Elliot, John Hornegold, Jan Jordan & Julie Myatt, Ayube Mohamed, Jeremy Palmer, Tony Stevens

2018 Minutes

The minutes of the 2018 AGM previously circulated were agreed as a true record of the proceedings

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising out of the 2018 minutes

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed new members, Helen Cramer, Kate & Beth Flint and Graham Pilmoor, and paid tribute to Brian Constable, who had sadly died

Members who had tidied communal areas before the AGM were thanked

The Chairman advised that Amie was no longer involved with the Beavers and therefore would be unable to continue tidying the communal areas

The Federation (CFAGS) has been disbanded and the Society will now need to negotiate directly with Croydon LA, including the renegotiation of the Lease. The results of last year's Federation amenity competition have never been released and therefore we are not aware of our ranking. It was suggested that we held an internal competition before the annual BBQ, details to follow

Outstanding maintenance issues are the replacement of four taps and the fitting of two bolts to the toilet door. The Chairman will fit the taps and Kate volunteered her husband to fit the bolts

The water has been turned on earlier than usual, but Colin agreed that he would take responsibility to turn it off should there be a cold snap

The mower was still in need of repair but it was agreed, by vote, that a new mower would be purchased

Following the meeting, Ramon donated his mower for communal use, and it will be available from the 30th March 2019

The strimmer remains in working order

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer distributed the accounts for 2018 and advised the meeting that there was a small surplus for the year, that funds were healthy and the BBQ would be paid for through funds

The accounts still require audit but were accepted by a show of hands

The plot rental charges remain the same

Election of Committee

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected unanimously

AOB

It has been noticed that the padlock on the gate is not being spun properly and plot holders are requested to ensure that all numbers are spun

Concerning the renewal of the Lease, it was agreed that negotiations would be entered into only when the matter was raised by Croydon LA

BBQ

It was proposed that we held two BBQs this year and provisional dates were set as **Sunday 7th July 2019** and **Sunday 22nd September 2019**

Andy was happy to do the cooking at the BBQs.

Allotment Inspection

The committee will hold a plot inspection before the end of April

The meeting closed

Pauline Ben-Ari
Secretary