

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES January 11 2022, 7.30pm, 67 Mattock Lane

Present: Penny Wark, Jon Wilkins, Claire Bates, Clare Harrington, Martin Newhouse, Dominic Small

Apologies: Richard Ashcroft, Jane Morris.

JM has resigned from the committee. **PW to thank her for her contribution as Secretary over 2 years. CH to keep waiting list.**

1. December minutes approved. **JW to update minutes in website. PW to send JW April, July and November 22 minutes.**
2. The site is fully rented other than GC plots, which are being rented before the growing season. 346 on the waiting list.
3. Maintenance morning priorities: Privet, 228 ivy removal, move gazebo, improve GC240 and remove sapling, perimeter trim, pollard willow, dead tree at rear of 197, move Halloween items to Halloween shed. SC to repair metal shed roof, and 150 and 197 water butts. **DS to attach Mattock Lane padlock, and repair hole in path near Model Cottages.**
4. **Plot marking - 191, 156A, 168A. RA/DS.**
5. Bee plothead 230B has asked for support with new bee cage and rent. Unanimous decision to introduce plotheaders who may help with construction but not to offer financial support. **PW to email.**
6. Site too small for SSSI status but we should encourage bat boxes, newts and plant endangered trees etc. **MN to research.**
7. **PW to enter site for London in Bloom.**
8. Tenancy and Cultivation guidelines - Pathways still to approve revisions. **PW to follow up with Pathways, and ask about gate repair.**
9. Development of communal plot. MN offered support.
10. Summer Open Day will be on Sunday July 2.
11. AGM will be on Thursday May 25. **PW to prepare timetable.**
12. Website: CB has completed text; pictures to be sent to her. **CB and JW to progress with next steps.**
13. Waiting list now contains identified volunteers for Fruit Garden or other jobs.
14. Mailchimp contents - maintenance morning, JM resignation, appeal for bee volunteers, link for Dowding no dig newsletter.
15. AOB: Skip to be ordered for May. Tools to be replaced as required rather than serviced in 2023. **DS to buy battery hedge trimmer.**
16. Date of next meeting: **February 8, 7.30pm**, Forester upstairs room booked.