

## **Minutes to allotment-holders meeting, Tuesday 14 January 2014**

The meeting was a general meeting to which all Northfields Allotment-Holders had been invited, to approve the proposed Constitution of the Ealing Dean Allotment Society (originally formed in 1832, but there is no known constitution for it as originally formed). It was noted that the previous general meeting of Northfields Allotment-Holders (on 29 October 2013) had been generally in favour of the principle of self-management, following which a Steering Group was formed which had drawn and reviewed a draft Constitution, which was presented to this meeting. There was some discussion of specific points of this draft and amendments to specific clauses were agreed, following which there was a proposal to adopt the Constitution for which there was a 100% vote in favour by all those who attended this meeting (0 abstentions or objections).

The Committee for the Ealing Dean Allotment Society was then proposed and elected as follows -

- Christina Fox stood for the Chair, proposed by Mark Tompsett and seconded by Kim Tompsett, and voted in;
- Kim Tompsett stood for Treasurer, proposed by Christina Fox and seconded by Simon Coleman, and voted in;
- Christine Charles stood for Secretary, proposed by Christina Fox and seconded by David Read, and voted in;
- Crispin Harris stood for Assistant Secretary, proposed by Paul McConnell and seconded by Kim Tompsett, and voted in;
- Simon Coleman stood also, proposed by Christina Fox and seconded by Kim Tompsett, and voted in;
- Jon Wilkins stood also, proposed by Chris Gilson and seconded by Christina Fox, and voted in;

This made the 6 elected Committee members that the Constitution provides for, but in addition Mark Tompsett was co-opted to look after IT systems, eg the web site. It was noted that last year Northfields Allotments yielded some £11.4K in rental income and given the level of responsibility that the Society would assume for the management of the allotments, it was felt that it might be possible to negotiate a good (possibly as much as 30-40%) proportion of that as its income for so doing. That done, the members of the Committee and Steering Group then retired to the Forrester's public house for a celebratory drink.