

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES September 2023, 7.30pm The Forester Upstairs Room

Present Christina Fox, Clare Harrington, Martin Newhouse, Jon Wilkins, Craig Evans

1. No apologise for absence
2. The minutes of the August meeting were approved.
3. There are 399 people on the waiting list and there are 3 plots to be let.
4. CH to declare exact number of GC plots.
5. Brett Simpson is to be the main contact at Pathways
6. Maintenance- The Strimmer head has been changed.
 - Skip coming for October. Halloween list – clear out of the Halloween shed. CH to be the team leader. 7th October is the next maintenance morning.Chip the paths.
CE to clean the BBQ . Plea from the chair – BBQ to be at exactly one O'clock.

Regular things every month – clean the toilets, litter pick. The metal needs to be collected. Skip packing. Any thing else can be added to the maintenance day schedule.

7. Halloween – all roles linked to documents. CE to make mulled wine for allotment. Mulled wine and beer and soft drinks. Action CM at MM to audit the burner, pots. Need to use slates at base of mulled wine.

Cold storage was discussed. JW to ask Andy

No flyers – banners and social media. Email addresses of everyone who bought the last time. Live on website, email ploholders. CM discussed what is going on the actual banner. A non dated banner was discussed so that it could be reused. One secondary, smaller date with tickets and QR code.

CW to sort artwork and banner. Artwork for ticket Taylor and website. JW to oversee ticket purchase. The goal remains to launce at the beginning of October.

Chair's volunteer book – 2:30 onwards-

Digitalised version of volunteered- volunteers. CH to ask st john's ambulance. CH to order Toilets to be placed near old buggy park.

Bonfire night and maintenance plot . Light the bonfire – twenty minutes later – food from the bbq.. Free bar. Set up on the MM>

BBQ – haloumi kebabs sold well, but not vegan.

It was suggested that St John's ambulance be one ambulance length from the gate. The main double gates should be screened. Make it Halloween themed – 'Danger toxic' etc.

7. Action point – Each member email members of the gardening plot. Gardening club letter was discussed. Two letters were decided – consider for continuation and terminate.

CE to Add them on to mailchimp – waiting list – plotholder one. Add volunteer list request.
CE to write template letters in standard letter file.

9. Tools -inventory is now on the MM list.

Brett Simpson from Pathways and the trustees are having an AGM on Thursday.

AOB- Tickets -last year we sold 4000, this year 3000, we purchased them ahead of time, buying a book of blank tickets at 50p each- no spares. Or a bulkload – 25pence per tickets. CM agreed to bulk buy. Last year £1 ticket price 25 per booking fee.

Last year the tickets were broken down into half hourly waves.

1st October ticket sales.

Every ticket will be scanned. Discretion to be used on the gate. Clickers on the exit.

The question was raised about hiring walkie talkies, but the CM decided a whatsapp group was better.

Donations – There is an option of donations but it was decided that this was not a great idea. We need pallets for maintenance morning.

Halloween meeting 24th October 2023.

Confirm date for the next meeting Tues 10th October 2023.