



Whitehill Allotment Society Ltd
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Register No 12585

MINUTES– Committee Meeting – Whitehill Allotment Society 26 June 2024, 7 pm, Allotment Shop

Chair: James Freeman

Minutes: Christoph Weber

Present: Anna Reva, Natalie Lofts, Ruth Dunn, Liz Minichiello

Apologies: Louise Foster, Ryan King, Kirsten Lavers, June Hyde, Edward Njenje

1. Pending actions from 1 June 2024 and AGM, not otherwise on the Agenda

- a) **EDWARD** has added extra insulation to the water pipes during 2023. 3 water troughs remain and will be completed weather permitting in early 2024.
- b) **RYAN/CHRISTOPH** to proceed with the replacement of the lights (LED) in the shop.
- c) **COMMITTEE** to prepare some guidance for low-cost interventions or strategies that may be adopted in regard to flooding/drainage by ploholders, for publication on the website. All to collect information and photos on Dropbox.
- d) **CHRISTOPH/EDWARD** to explore options for the most economical supply of soil improver.
- e) **JAMES** to follow up the research project on urban greening strategies (Open University)

2. Volunteers

Volunteering day each first Sunday of the month, starting at 11 am.

For 7 July, 2 members (excl. Committee) confirmed attendance so far.

Main focus will be the repair of the middle track. CHRISTOPH to organise hardcore rubble.

Best offer is from Mead Construction – 20 tonnes of MOT Type 1 ‘Granite’ for £450 (excl. VAT).

Include reminder in the next newsletter that members should bring a wheelbarrow and shovel.

Committee will provide beer, cider and some soft drinks for the helpers.

3. Summer BBQ - Sunday 7 July 2024 at 2 pm (alternative date 14 July 2024)

2 members (excl. Committee) confirmed attendance so far.

The Committee will organise the charcoal and provide the grill, members to bring their own food and drinks.

Reminder in the next newsletter.

4. Shop

We are out of stock of the following items:

- Blue MDPE pipe (a lot of interest) ⇒ decision to buy 100 m
- Poultry Manure

Down to 1 working lawn mower. Decision to invest into a new one for the site (approx. £200) versus repairing existing one (£50 in material alone). We have nowadays 3+ members that regularly use them. Go for push rather than self-propelled model.

Need for proper record keeping as some people use respectively hand out the tools without filling in the form. Thus, hard to track the overall usage and have a contact in case of issues.

Clear out tool shed and scrap anything that is not working or cannot be used for spare parts.

5. Plot inspections, waiting lists, etc.

Number of people on the waiting list - Peverel: 5 / Elfleda: 16

Discuss recent plot inspection and feedback received so far.

6. Committee expenses

Anna – Chain/Lock Peverel (£20.63), Drinks Volunteers and Charcoal (£40.75), MDPE Pipe (£92.52)
Christoph – Petrol for tools (£41.02)

7. Incidents/Complaints reported by Members since last Meeting

June 2024: Multiple concerns raised over unauthorised entry to Elfleda site ⇒ Include reminder into the newsletter to lock the gate and children should always be under the supervision of their parents/guardians.

24 June 2024: Weeds growing into water butt ⇒ Noted.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 24 July 2024, 7 pm, Allotment Shop

Saturday 31 August 2024, 12.15 pm, Allotment Shop

Thursday 19 September 2024, 7 pm, Allotment Shop