

North Watford Allotment and Gardening Society

Minutes of the 2023 A.G.M.

Date / Time: Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Venue: St Mark's Church Hall, Leggatts Way, Watford

Present: Tom Goulder - Chair
Val Goulder - General Secretary
Dave Rusher - Project Manager
Suzanne French - Membership Secretary

Committee Members: James Single

Apology: Steve Jakeman, Linda Hallahan

Visitors: Rob Hopkins, 28 NWAAGS members

The meeting opened with a welcome from the chair

1. Rob Hopkins

Rob Hopkins gave a talk about his role as Veolia Allotment Officer and explained at length the ways in which he would like to update the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

2. The Chair provided minutes of the last A.G.M. held on 3rd November 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.

3. Chairman's Report:

- The two shops have been decorated, refurbished and provided with signage
- Shops have been provided with Card Readers and new Cash Registers
- Hazel trees have been planted on Callowland and Garston Manor sites with an aim to coppice them and reduce the need for imported bamboo canes
- Defibrillators have been installed on both Callowland and Garston Manor sites, the one at Callowland has already been used several times.
- An Easter egg hunt was held at Garston Manor on Good Friday and was well attended
- We will gradually be moving towards solely peat-free compost. Extraction of peat is soon to be terminated
- After much negotiation we have managed to secure a new lease for the shops on favourable terms. The heads of terms have been signed and we are waiting for the WBC legal department to draw up the new leases for signing
- Both of our existing trustees have retired and we are looking for new ones. Local Councillor Tim Williams has agreed to be one of them
- We also need new members for the Committee to provide help and new ideas, anyone interested please attend a meeting on 1st Thursday of most months at Callowland Shop at 6.30pm
- We need someone to take on the position of Media Officer and look after our

Website

- We need new volunteers to run the Allotment shops on a rota basis.
- Chris March has stepped down from running Callowland shop, we thank him very much for all the work he has done for the Society and wish him well

4. Treasurer:

Our treasurer, Steve Jakeman, could not attend the meeting but his report had been emailed to all members. All prices have increased but we try to keep them as low as we can for our members. The Society made a small profit last year which will be ploughed back into the Society .

Following a vote, the Society accounts for the previous year were signed off by the Chairman.

5. Election of Committee Officers and Members;

Following a block vote, all existing committee Officers and members were re-elected:

Tom Goulder – Chairman

Val Goulder – General Secretary

Steve Jakeman – Treasurer

Suzy French – Membership Secretary

Dave Rusher – Project Manager

James Single – Committee Member

Linda Hallahan – Committee member and representative of Briar Road

Plus Tim Williams as Trustee

7. AOB:

No AOB

Meeting closed 20:40.