

**Kingsley Allotment Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
19 November 2011
Kingsley Centre, Kingsley**

Present Chris Rigden (Chairman)
James Palmer (Treasurer)
Sue Scrivener (Secretary)
Linzi Spong
Sandy Parrott
Isobel Treloar (Guest)
Janet Hargreaves
David Croucher
Paul Nicol
Sharon Watts
Steph Cooper
Jackie Cheeseman (on behalf of Chris Taylor)

1 Opening Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The agenda for the meeting had been sent out to all members by e-mail and posted on the allotment notice board prior to the meeting on 1 November.

2 Agree and Sign minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report, which is attached to these minutes.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which is attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer expressed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work over the past year.

5 Election of Committee Members

Chris Rigden, James Palmer, Sue Scrivener, Linzi Spong and Sandy Parrot put their names forward as prospective Committee Members for the next year. In addition Janet Hargreaves offered to join the Committee with a view to assisting with the upkeep of the website. The meeting agreed that the following people would comprise the Committee:

Chris Rigden
James Palmer
Sue Scrivener
Linzi Spong
Sandy Parrott
Janet Hargreaves

6 2012 Fees

It was agreed that the 2012 fees would be £15 for a half plot and £30 for a full plot which is no change from the 2010 fees. The fees are due by 1 December.

7 Open Discussion (for review by the Committee)

- General site maintenance in the common area
 - Tidy-up days with allotment members volunteering to help out
 - Take on a contractor to mow the communal areas
 - Set up a regular routine for cutting the nettles
- Improvements/concerns
 - Moles – what to do?
 - Rats/mice – to be considered by the Committee
 - People walking on other people's plots
 - Pathways between plots to be kept tidy
 - Noticeboard to be moved
 - Manure (being tested by Chris)
 - Offer of used hops for manure by Jackie Cheeseman
 - Steph Cooper offered to plant a plum tree in the communal area
- Suggestions for the website (to be managed by Janet Hargreaves)
 - Recipes
 - Problem page
 - What can be planted and when
 - Successes and failures in 2010
 - Recommended varieties
 - Observations on pests and diseases
- Sharon Watt and Paul Nicol to look into the practicalities of having a hedgehog to eat slugs/snails on the site
- Janet to review discounts from seed producers
- David Croucher to suggest to the Gardening Club that a link with them has been proposed

8 Any other business

There was no other business. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their participation and contribution to the open discussion.

Signed:

Chairman: Chris Rigden

Date