**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Ash Road Allotment Association**

**Held by ‘Zoom’ meeting - 9th December 2020**

***[These Draft Minutes will need to be agreed at the next AGM]***

**Members present:** 22

**Apologies received:** Martin Hemingway.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were read by Chris Martin and approved.

Proposed by: Kate Evans Seconded by: Darren Turnor

**Matters arising from the minutes.** Notes onMatters/Actions arising from the 2019 AGM were sent out to plot holders in advance of the meeting and taken as read. Items covered were Drones, Peat-Free Compost, Work Parties, Thefts & Security. A copy is kept with these minutes.

**Chairman’s report.** The Chairman’s report was sent out to plot holders in advance of the meeting and taken as read. A copy is kept with these minutes. Items covered included being A Self-Administered Site, The Last 12 Months, Looking Forward to 2021.

Chris thanked everyone for their efforts over the past year. He thanked the members of the Committee for work done, and other plot holders who have helped on work parties and maintenance tasks around the site.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Janice gave an overview of the accounts, a copy of which has been sent to plot holders in advance of the meeting. During the current year we incurred an overall overspend of £5,233.52 because of significant spending on improvements to the site. We have spent money on solar panels, storage bays, composting toilet, £1,700 tree surgeons, etc. We have increased overall trading profits at ‘The Hut’ shop this year, helped by online payments, scaffold boards, manure and woodchip, etc. We have donated £450 to charity, despite Covid.

Chris thanked Janice for the additional workload taken on this year in running the shop.

Over the past few years we seemed to be accumulating money and this year we have spent money on improving the site. Manure and wood chip is being used up very quickly. We will explore to see if we can get regular deliveries, but we may have to pay for it.

**Election of Officers and Committee.**

Claire Fenwick left the Committee during the year due to moving location.

All Members of the Committee have agreed to stand for another year except Adrian Luke who is retiring. Chris Bulmer has agreed to join the Committee.

Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman – Chris Martin, Vice Chairman – Kate Evans, Treasurer – Janice Bairstow

Trustees (Existing Trustees confirmed): Adrian Luke, Victoria Burley, Helen Gee.

Proposed by: Jo Turner Seconded by: Samuel Bradley

We do need a Co-ordinator for the annual show – Chris asked if there was any interest? There were no volunteers.

Other Committee Members confirmed at the meeting are: Victoria Burley, Rosa Dunton, Susan Frost, Paul Hudson, Andy Smithson, Lynne Snowden, Darren Turnor, Chris Bulmer and John Bland.

**Any Other Business.**

**Tree Branch Shredder.**

Helen Gee suggested collectively hiring a shredder when needed. The Committee will look into it.

Adrian Luke pointed out that a key matter would be cost and who would operate and maintain it.

**Bonfires.**

Chris Martin noted that Leeds City Council may be moving towards not allowing bonfires on site at some point in future. He said that it is important that we follow the rules to minimise nuisance.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting closed at 19.55 hours.