

Leominster Allotment Association meeting

Wednesday 5th September 2018, 7.00pm in the Town Council Offices, Corn Square, Leominster.

Committee members present: Gill Murdoch (Chair), J Lacey, I Wilkins.

Others present: J Debbage, K Price.

Apologies: J Braithwaite.

Minutes: Christine Conlon.

<p>Minutes from previous meeting, 4/7/2018 – approved.</p>	
<p>Correspondence 1. Christine received an email from a person interested in an allotment and this is now being dealt with by Julie Debbage. 2. The NSALG have reminded us about our membership renewal.</p>	
<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – Christine to add an extra page to the website for archived documents. • Gate lock – Julie now has the special gate lock oil and will oil the lock. The oil will be stored in the Community shed. 	<p>Christine to action Julie to action</p>
<p>Site inspections, plots and site problems The plots were inspected by Julie and Gill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire – As the plots were inspected in the morning, a bonfire was discovered, still smouldering from the night before. There were plastic bags very close to the fire. Julie will speak to the allotment holders concerned. • Plots – More plots have been let. There are 8 vacant plots (various sizes). • Possible free plots – two badly overgrown plots may be offered free, to ensure they are cultivated. A Decision is still to be made. • On-site leak – Julie’s investigations confirmed that it was only a drainage leak. • Compost bins – Plastic / inappropriate materials continued to be found in the compost bins. The council has decided that the bins are no longer available for plot holders to use. Plot holders will revert to composting on their own plots. • Rats –The pest controllers have the problem in hand. Thorough and professional in their pest control, they make every effort to avoid secondary poisoning of other wildlife e.g. birds. • Dog fouling at the allotments – Julie is putting up signs throughout Leominster, warning dog owners to clear up after their dogs, and will include the allotments. • Stand pipe in car park – The council has removed the water stand-pipe. • Allotment judging – the allotment judge is still assessing the plots. 	
<p>Property marking Held at the Community shed on Saturday 18th August, 2pm onwards. Some plot holders brought along items to be marked by Sue the local Police Officer. Cups of tea and home-made cakes were available and made it a social occasion. The Cube was not tidied out this time.</p>	
<p>Memorial bench Preparation of the memorial bench to John Moss, is a work in progress.</p>	

<p>Harvest Supper Preparations - Friday 5th October, 7pm at Grange Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with Odd plot numbers, please provide a savoury dish. • Those with Even plot numbers, please provide a sweet dish. • Bring your own drink. • The room has been booked by Julie. The mayor will attend. • Christine will provide the picture quiz. Jane/Gill will do quiz too. • There will be a raffle, so please bring some raffle prizes. • Gill to design a poster and send it to Christine for distribution by email asap. • Christine to put the event on the website. Ian will put it on Facebook. • Ensure shield/cup are available. Check if certificates are to be printed. • Help will be needed to set up the room beforehand. • Bring tablets for the dishwasher. Tea towels. • Cathy and Jane to do the flowers for the tables. • Christine to ask about the 'thank you' gift for the allotment judge. 	<p>Action - various people</p>
<p>Diary Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest Supper – Friday 5th October, 7pm at Grange Court. • Next LAA meeting – Wednesday 7th November, 7pm. 	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazine - Gill distributed copies of The Allotment Magazine at the meeting. • Members - Jane reported that we now have 51 members. • In-Bloom Awards – Julie will be attending the Leominster-in-Bloom awards. • 2019, In-Bloom theme – It was suggested that the allotments get involved in some way next year. Julie to get more details. Theme is children's books e.g. Secret Garden, Peter Rabbit (Mr McGregor's Garden). • Seed Swap – Decide if LAA participates in next Leominster seed swap. Last year it was just after the Hereford one, Julie had an information stall about the allotments. • Apple Fair – Decide if the LAA attend the Apple Fair. • Insurance – Jane to check if Shield will insure us or we may need to raise funds. • Committee members – as we are getting short of Committee members, Christine will advertise on the website. Being on the Committee can be time-limited if necessary. Ian to advertise on Facebook. 	<p>Jane to action Christine & Ian to action</p>
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th November, 7pm, Town Council offices, Leominster. Please print off and bring a copy of the minutes with you to the next meeting.</p>	

Agenda for meeting, 7/11/2018

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes • Correspondence • Matters arising from the last minutes • Harvest Supper and Awards report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site inspections, plots and site problems • Diary dates • Any other business • Date and venue of next meeting then close of meeting |
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