

Leominster Allotment Association meeting

Wednesday 2nd January 2019, 7.00pm in the Town Council Offices, Corn Square, Leominster.

Committee members present: Gill Murdoch (Chair), J Braithwaite, B Hirschmann, J Lacey, E Meek

Others present: K West, J Debbage **Apologies:** I Wilkins

Minutes: Christine Conlon.

Minutes from previous meeting, 7/11/2018 – approved.	Actions
<p>Committee matters Elena Meek was co-opted and welcomed onto the Committee.</p>	
<p>Correspondence 1. Christine received an email from Kate Fromings of ‘Whatshed’, wishing to add their link to the LAA website. 2. Christine received an email from Keith Arrowsmith publicising the Seed and Potato swap on 2/2/19 at The Courtyard, Hereford.</p>	<p>Gill/ Christine to examine. Christine to add to LAA website</p>
<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gate lock oil – Gill has stored this in the Community shed. • Gift given – Jane has given the ‘Thank you’ gift to the allotment judge. • Locking in/out - The reminder to lock in and out of the allotments was added to LAA website, then removed for adding other notices. To be added again. • LAA membership fee/rental combination – To be discussed at next meeting. • Leominster in Bloom/It’s Your Neighbourhood – There’s a lot to do if planning to register for the 2019 awards. It is possible to submit something as small as a community-worked vegetable/flower bed. Any submission would involve photography, display board, portfolio, set-targets and others. Perhaps decide for 2020. This subject and an Open Day will be discussed in the March meeting. • Fruit Tree Pruning - This went well and was attended by 15 people. It is possible there may be a Summer Pruning demonstration at the same place, also a talk by James Bissett, a bat expert. Julie will make the decision. • Memorial bench – this has been made and the plaque is to be inscribed. • Swap Table – Courtesy of Viv and St Michael’s Hospice shop, Julie has collected a ‘new’ table. To be assembled and put in place as soon as possible. • Compost bays – When time allows, Julie will dismantle the bays. • NAS code – Gill has asked for the new code. 	<p>Christine to action</p>
<p>Site inspections, plots and site problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compost bays – Julie to have a fire at compost bays - disposing of brushwood. • Compost available – Compost at the bottom of dismantled bays, plus chippings from processing wood nearby, will be available to ploholders. Julie to inform Christine when ready for collection, so she can notify ploholders. • Pests – Excessive bird feeders has attracted rats in the past. Less bird feeders has led to an improved situation. There are no longer any chickens on plots. 	<p>Julie to inform Christine</p>
<p>Diary dates - Events and dates planned for 2019</p> <p>Leominster Seed Swap - There will be a Seed Swap table in the Priory on Saturday 9th February, 10am – 1pm.</p> <p>To be manned by the following people, but come and support them if you want to: 10am – 11am – Gill Murdoch (Gill to get in touch with Tessa)</p>	

<p>11am – 12pm – Christine Conlon 12pm – 1pm – Elena Meek</p> <p>Julie will provide some 'In Bloom' items, including the display board. Jane will price a Pull-Up banner, which would be useful at events. There may be a grant available from the NAS for the banner.</p> <p>Bring and Share Picnic/barbecue - Planned for Saturday 29th June. We will also christen the bench which will be outside of the Community shed. Invite various people, including the tree pruner.</p> <p>Community Market stalls - There will be a Community/Charity stall market in Corn Square on Saturday 20th April. The LAA won't be attending with a stall.</p> <p>Plant Fair – On the Grange, Saturday 27th May. LAA won't be attending with a stall.</p> <p>Composting workshop – Christine to get details from Kate Gathercole.</p> <p>AGM – on Wednesday 1st May, 7pm.</p> <p>Police marking – yet to be arranged.</p> <p>'Waste Management' talk – Julie to get details.</p>	<p>Gill to action</p> <p>Julie to action Jane to action</p> <p>Christine to action</p> <p>Julie to action</p>
<p>Seed orders – Gill thanked John Braithwaite for ensuring that the Kings Seeds orders were ordered/dispatched correctly. Gill to provide a spare catalogue for shed.</p>	<p>Gill to action</p>
<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meeting – The LAA will not be hosting the regional meeting because it is the same day as the Leominster seed swap. • Hedge gap – Elena noticed that there is a gap in the hedge halfway along the lane which leads into the allotments. It looks like someone has pushed the hedge apart to get in and over just one strand of barbed wire. • Correct email – Bridget to send test email to Christine to give correct address • Events – as there are quite a few events coming up, Christine will need to email all LAA members with details and add them to the website. • Allotment magazines – Gill gave out the magazines at the end of the meeting. 	<p>Bridget to action Christine to action</p>
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March, 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, 06/03/2019

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes • Correspondence • Matters arising from the last minutes • Seed Swap – report • Site inspections, plots and site problems • LAA membership fee/rental combination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leominster in Bloom/It's Your Neighbourhood/Open Day • Preparation for May AGM • Diary dates • Any other business • Date and venue of next meeting then close of meeting |
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