Minutes of OTHAS Annual General Meeting

24th September 2024, held at Blythe Tavern

17 members were physically present and three on zoom.

item	Title and discussion notes	Action/note	Lead
1	**Introductions** Ian White as Chair introduced the other Committee members present (Alice Bake, Andrew C, Christian D, Simon Miles)	None	
2	**Tributes to Martin, Mick and Carol** Plot holders were invited to share some memories of these three longstanding members who have sadly died over the last year.	None	
3	**Apologies** Neville Hawcock, Jane Wilson, Amanda Cowan, Andy Bradshaw, Shenay, Linda McLaughlin, Dee Malcolm, Jon Johnson, Ulrika, Chris Williams, Claire Palmer	None	
4	**Minutes of 2023 AGM** These were accepted unanimously	None	
5	**Chair's Report** Ian outlined some events of the last year: water extensions, major tree works by Southwark, two new raised beds, new/repaired equipment, padlock replacement, two successful bids for funds from Southwark's Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund. Ian also indicated a couple of projects for the coming months that will need time and effort from plotholders: the CGS path and raised bed projects. Others will include further tree works, replacement tree planting, additional water tanks and communal compost bins near burn area.	Plot holder to note the opportunities to contribute to communal work.	
4	**Treasurer's Report and Audited accounts** The accounts were agreed unanimously. The auditor suggested that OTHAS amend the financial year end to 31 July to enable more time to compile and audit the accounts before the AGM. Auditor also suggested auditing the Social Fund at the same time.	OTHAS Committee to note. OTHAS Committee to note	
5	**Budget for 2024/25** Outline budget was accepted unanimously	None	
6	**Membership Report** Christian Denereaz outlined the numbers of plots, changes over the year and current vacancies and waiting list.	None	

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	A question was raised as to the turnover of members in the year.	Christian to ascertain and share	Christian
7	**Social Events Report** Simon Miles reported on another successful year with a well attended Open Day resulting in a net contribution to the Social Fund of £546. Simon thanked all those who made it possible. The Social Fund stands at c£1,100.		
	There was a discussion about a potential pictorial history of the site and how to collate and host/publish this	Simon and Jasia to liaise. Plotholders to share photos with Simon	Simon Simon
8	Elections for Committee Officers Ian thanked outgoing member of the Committee: Chris Williams and Jon Johnson Ian White was re-elected unanimously as Chair Alice Bake was re-elected unanimously as Treasurer Andrew Coulson was elected as Secretary.	Ian indicated he would not stand for Chair beyond the AGM in 2026.	
9	**Elections for other Committee members** Simon Miles, Christian Denereaz and Dee Malcolm were re-elected unanimously. Adam Thompson was elected unanimously to support web site/social media/communications.	Ian White will seek other Committee members from the membership to support site works and wildlife.	Ian
10	**Election of auditors** Linda McLaughlin was re-elected unanimously**.**	None	
11	Any Other Business 1. A question was raised about the reduced number of manure deliveries. Christian responded that yes, apparently the supplier has fewer horses and he is looking at other potential suppliers. 2. A request was made for some silicon spray/lubricant to be available on site to ease the padlocks 3. Question raised about how to secure the padlocks to their chains. 4. Request to move the area for donations away from the main noticeboard. 5. Hazel Coppice – is this available for plotholders and have we considered acquiring a chipper to	Agreed to purchase some and store it in the loo Alice to try using Cold weld Move to another location as part of the path works in coming months.	Ian Alice Cttee

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	process more on site wood either for conventional wood chips or to create ramial chips.	Jasia to write article for newsletter. Committee to investigate costs of decent chipper that can be moved around the site	Jasia Ian.
	Meeting closed at 8.35pm		