Minutes of 2026 OTHAS Annual General Meeting

29th September 2026, held at Waverley Arms. The meeting started at 7.30pm

23 members were present (appendix 1).

item	Title and discussion notes	Action/note	Lead
1	**Introductions** Ian White as Chair introduced the other Committee members present: Alice Baker (Treasurer), Andrew Coulson (Secretary), Dee Malcolm (Plot Reviews), Adam Thompson (Communications).	None	
2	**Apologies** 18 members had given their apologies (appendix 2)	None	
3	**Minutes of 2025 AGM** These were accepted unanimously There were no matters arising.	None	
4	**Chair's Report** Ian outlined some of the site wide events of the last year: the significant purchase of the new secure container, water extensions, major tree works by Southwark, creation of more starter plots, improvements to the burn/compost area. Maintenance of the site has been assisted by the Community Payback Service. This was in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the site by the membership. Thank you to all who contributed. Looking to the future the plans for the Communal/ membership hut are available. This is a winter project together with adding an additional raised bed. These will give an opportunity for everyone to contribute.		All to note
5	**Social Events Report** In the absence of Simon Miles Ian reported on another successful year with a very well attended Open Day resulting in a net contribution to the Social Fund of over £600. Ian thanked all those who made it possible. Ian also mentioned other social events including: the Wassailing (now quite a large event) and last year's well-attended bonfire night. This year's bonfire event will be on Sunday November 1st.		
6	**Treasurer's Report and Audited accounts** The accounts were approved. Linda McLaughlin as the auditor requested that the Committee put in processes for the pre-approval of		Alice Baker

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	large purchases. Linda also requested that Cheque stubs include more information about the purchase. Linda will take a role as co Treasurer. Simon Edwards volunteered to be our auditor for 2026/27		
7	**Membership Report** Andrew Coulson as interim Membership Secretary outlined the numbers of plots (127 in all); changes over the year and current vacancies and waiting list. The membership is now about 50% Southwark residents and 50% Lewisham. We are working to increase the proportion of Southwark residents in line with the lease with the Council. The waiting list was reopened in August. There are currently 63 applicants. 12 plots have been let in the year since October 2025. Several additional plots are being added this autumn in the area above the picnic area	None	
8	**Elections for Committee Officers** Ian White was re-elected unanimously as Chair for 2026/27. Alice Baker and Andrew Coulson were re-elected unanimously as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.		All to note.
9	**Elections for other Committee members** Adam Thompson, Simon Miles and Dee Malcolm were re-elected. Ulrike Kohnen-Zuelzer was elected as Membership Secretary No other plot holder stood for election.	Adam to update website	All to note.
10	**Election of auditors** Simon Edwards was re-elected unanimously**.**	None	
13	**Any Other Business** A question was raised about deliveries of free manure or lack of these. A question was asked about ensuring fairness in access/distribution of deliveries to ensure that all plotholders were aware of and able to obtain a share. A question was also asked about the status of the onsite poplars. Ian undertook to contact Southwark Council.	Committee to investigate options for supply Ian White to contact LBS	Committee Ian White
	Meeting closed at 8.00pm		

Appendix 1

Members attending the AGM:

Ian White, Andrew Coulson, Tony Padgham, Steve Harrison, Christian Denereaz, Adam Thompson, Simon Edwards, Tim Darach, Ben Shaw, Alice Baker, Tom Theobald, Jasia Warren, Chris Williams, Francine Mutama, Linda McLaughlin, Ulrike Kohnen-Zuelzer, Andy Bradshaw, Hannah Fox, Claudia Keischtar, Paul Rhys, Sara Hetherington, Paul Shrubshall, Emma Bowkett.

Appendix 2

Apologies for absence:

Simon Miles, Maggie Crumb, Sally Reichardt, Lizzy Lomax, Malcolm Medley, Jane Wilson, Harriet Saddington, Rebecca Harris, Natasha Murray, Kim Parker, Chris Groothuizen, Parisa Mansouri, Neville Hawcock, Rebecca & Matthew Truscott, Aoife Flynn, Benny Locke, Sean Summer.