

Craven Vale & Whitehawk Hill Allotments Society Committee Meeting Sunday, 5 June 2022

Present:

Jenny Embleton (118 CV, Treasurer)
Peter Elliot (49 WH) – Site Rep
Jane Griffin (47 WH) – Site Rep
Roger Dean (55 CV)
Mary Legard (26 CV)
Arthur Tallon (77/1 WH)
Paul Skelly (37 CV)
James Gilderoy (37 CV)

Apologies:

Nick Fry (64 CV) – Site Rep

Chair/Minutes: JG

Matters arising from meeting of 17 March

ML had acquired a new gas bottle and delivered it to the Hub. Committee noted with thanks.

ML would ask Brighton Astro about organising a stargazing event in the autumn.

Action: ML to contact Brighton Astro for them to suggest dates.

Briefly discussed suggestion of installing an International Bulk Container water tank at the Hub. It was decided that it was not needed, particularly as the Hub site was not used for growing. A water filtration system was suggested as a smaller alternative, which would provide drinking quality water, including when the water supply was turned off.

Action: PE to explore options and prices.

Grant funding

Grant funds were in the bank to pay for improvements to the Hub including a new bench and to install a gravel base for the lean-to.

It was agreed that the materials for the gravel base would be ordered, with the aim of installing it on the weekend of 16/17 July. Preparatory tidying etc can be done beforehand.

Action: JG/JE to order the materials.

It was agreed to purchase an oak or other hard wood flat-pack bench for the Hub. JG said he could take delivery and ML kindly agreed to provide transport to the Hub.

Action: JG/JE to order bench.

Gates

The proposal to number the gates for ease of identification was revisited.

Action: PS to explore costs of simple nameplate.

PS suggested that committee members adopted a gate each to update and renew notices in the notice boards rather than it being left to one person.

Other business

“Open day” walkabout around the allotments was proposed for 7 or 20 August.

Action: decide on day to hold this event.

Harvest event and spud in a bucket weigh in – 4 September.