

Craven Hill & Whitehawk Hill Allotments Society
Meeting Sunday, 4 December 2022
BELTA Community Centre

Present:

Jenny Embleton – 118CV, Treasurer & Chairing
James Gilderoy – 37CV, note taker
Paul Skelly – 37CV
Mary Ledgard – 26CV
Roger Dean – 55CV
Arthur Tallon – 77/1WH
Tara – 58b CV

Apologies:

Jane Griffin – 47WH
Nick Fry – 64CV
Nigel Spencer – 35CV

Minutes of the last meeting (date)

- The minutes were agreed and taken as read.

Matters arising

- Pea shingle flooring for side shelter of the Hub had been completed. **Roger** kindly agreed to donate 3 spare bags of pea shingle to top up.
- Agreed to purchase large notice board for inside the Hub.
- Agreed to have CV and WH maps kept in Hub for reference.
- Agreed to install large HUB sign to side shelter to help bring attention to the Hub. **Mary** kindly agreed to arrange this.
- Agreed to re-purpose old display board with added shelves for items to swap.
- Agreed to install post at entrance to Hub plot to prevent people from tripping over concrete block.
- Agreed to treat rust at top of door of Hub in summer.

Star gazing event

- Aim to hold this event in Jan/Feb. **Mary** kindly agreed to get in touch with Brighton astronomy club.
- Event would require promotion and would be weather dependent.
- Small team of committee volunteers would be needed to be stood up quickly as soon as go decision made, to arrange lighting, set up event etc.

Spud-in-a Bucket, Seedling Swap & Open Day

- Agreed Spud-in-a-Bucket would commence on Sunday 2 April.
- Agreed Seedling Swap would be Saturday 20 May.
- Agreed Open Day would be Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May.
- Arrangements for all would be finalised in the new year.

Update from Site Reps

- Noted to ask **Nick** to report back on numbers/names of gates and on follow-up to weed, tree and other notices issued by BHCC.

- Recent letting at CV saw only one plot taken out of six available. Again, many on the waiting list did not respond to emails from the council inviting them to view vacant plots.
- Current demand figures are: WH 260 on waiting list, seven vacant plots; CV 48 on waiting list, six vacant plots.

Any Other Business

- Next Hub opening: 8 January 2023, Paul & James hosting.
- Following Hub opening to be Saturday, 11 February in order to avoid Seedy Saturday and Sunday the previous weekend.
- Jenny will prepare poster for hub openings and events coming up.
- Hub spring clean – committee volunteers (two or more) to agree date.
- CVWHAS – 51 current members (record high), £1,074.74 in bank