

FHS Have your say meeting 22/07/18

Present

Claudine Fear, June Brooks, Judy Woollett, Tony Ingram, Felicity Nock, Anya? (while weeding), Damian Wardell, Michael Wardell, Catherine Schmitt (part time), Valerie Marsh, John Kirby, Ikuko Kirby

BAF Horticultural Show

Catherine announced an invitation for FHS to put on a display at the BAF Horticultural show 18/19th August 2018. This would help to publicise our society and draw in new members. (Brook Farm put up a great show each year.)

Name Change

John Kirby proposed a name change from 'Have Your Say' to 'Community Meeting'. He is keen to champion a sense of 'community' and 'democracy' on the allotment and within the society.

Anya supported the proposal. There were no objections

John also suggested that food and drink might be included at these meetings. He was invited to prepare a short announcement for the Grapevine.

Claudine commented that the FHS is an allotment community that successfully extends into the neighbourhood via members' access to the Trading Hut, plant sales, open days etc.

Volunteering for Communal tasks

The society trusts that members help elderly or less able members with barrowing etc.

Tidy-up tasks around the allotment are not popular. These include: keeping the Piggery and Green Room clean (on a daily basis), cleaning the compostable toilet, painting huts, regular mowing etc.

At present task lists for volunteers are sent out by email. An additional suggestion is to write up communal tasks on the Trading Hut white board. In this way everyone notes what's to be done and tasks can be dealt with quickly.

John Kirby mentioned a problem with the Log Cabin lock. He has asked Roy to look at it.

June mentioned that one of the windows had fallen out of the log cabin. It has been put back in but must not be opened.

Composting Toilet

Judy Woollett explained that we need to service the compost toilet more effectively, even though the toilet is designed to cope with 25 uses per day and this is probably greater than the use it actually receives. The toilet is to be pumped out on 24th July at a cost of nearly £500.00 and instructions given on how to maintain it ourselves. As this is not a job that anyone is likely to want to do, it was agreed that we would continue to have the toilet pumped out annually.

NGS Open Day - 27th August 2018

Judy alerted everyone to help with preparations. Elaine Wright isn't able to help with teas on the day this year, other members from Brent Way may be available but volunteers are requested to help with teas and with manning the gate, the raffle and tours.