

COMAS Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2019, 19:00hrs, Brunswick Church

Present

Steve Bowers
Tracy Duah
Gordon Flear
Tom Forrest
Justin Haqui
Zoe Hopkins

Margaret Jamieson
Katrina Keane
Agnes Kuczyńska
Anita Kuczyńska
Jon Ross
Martin Toal

Apologies

Ian Jamieson
Kieran McGlasson
Bernard Priest

Mavis Smitheman
Sharon Thomas

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to the plot-holders of the new allotment site. He introduced Katrina Keane from the Council's Neighbourhood Team and Jon Ross from *Sow the City*, a social enterprise which promotes growing healthy food by helping allotment societies and community gardens in Manchester.

2. Reports and reviews

- a. Tom wondered how many individuals had plots in the new allotment site of Hartfield Close. It was explained that three plots had been allocated to COMAS for use by the committee (who will make them available for people who may want to have a taster of growing vegetables). Tom felt that this should not be allowed. Gordon referred him to S4B whose idea it was.
- b. Martin then read out the Chair's report describing the previous year's activities of the society and local events where COMAS was represented.
- c. The Committee was pleased to announce that the plot-holders of Hartfield Close could gain access to their plots and pay their annual rent during two sessions to be held during tomorrow and Thursday.
- d. There has been a delay in the development of the orchard, with a possible completion date by the end 2019 or early 2020.

- e. The financial report was given by Gordon. There was a small amount of expenditure for tools and payments for open meetings at Brunswick Church over the last year.
- f. A discussion took place about obtaining and siting the portacabin and shed for the use of plot holders, enabling them to take shelter from the elements, socialise and store tools.
- g. Katrina mentioned the possibility of volunteering by council workers to help out at such events as a planting day at the joint project at Cray Walk.
- h. Jon stated that *Sow the City* would like to help organise a planting event at the allotment site later in the season.

3. Election of the new Committee

- a. The election of the committee then took place. The previous Committee stood down and handed over proceedings to Katrina to elect this year's management Committee.
- b. Martin was re-elected as Chair and Gordon was re-elected as Treasurer. Margaret became Secretary. Ian, Justin and Zoe were elected to the committee.