

Annual General Meeting of Gransdens Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Society (GALGS)

The meeting was held on Tuesday 8 March 2022

14th Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report

The allotment society continues to be an active society with the site plots all occupied . We also have a small waiting list for plots. We have welcomed some new plot holders this year and said goodbye to some long standing plot holders . Don't forget you can be Friends of the Allotment and past plot holders are always welcome to our working days and events.

I must mention Des Merrill and acknowledge the huge contribution he makes to maintaining our site through his regular grass cutting. Thanks also go to Mike Capps for helping clear the wildflower area at the end of every summer , and Rob Chignell for his endless supply of carpet to give ground cover and stop the weeds .

The Greenfingers area has now been successfully divided into plots and cultivated.

We have held a working session on the 15 January 2022 where 21 new trees were successfully planted on the events area adjacent to the carpark. A further tree planting session will be considered later in 2022. Thank you to Andy for co-ordinating this.

Unfortunately the BBQ we were planning in July was cancelled due to COVID restrictions .

Surplus fruit from the orchard was donated to the foodbank on several occasions. Thanks to Andy for organising this.

We are looking forward to siting two National cedar beehives shortly at the back of the orchard. Three society members Deb, Amy and Elaine have done a Beginners Beekeeping course with Huntingdonshire Beekeepers Association (on line) and a practical session at Hinchbrook Apiary. All are now members of the Huntingdonshire Beekeepers Association and are registered with BeeBase. The allotment insurance cover will be updated to include beehives on site as soon as we get bees.

We are awaiting receipt of a swarm/ colony from the Association.

The Poolsland have kindly donated towards the project .

Risk assessments of the site are carried out routinely.

A skip was hired and a successful tidying up occurred at Easter.

The annual fees were increased slightly to £40 per full plot and £20 per half plot from April 2022.

We are most grateful to Debi Pearce for all her expertise and hard work in the orchard and we hope she will continue to be a friend of the allotments .

Thank you to the Committee for all their fantastic work and a huge thank you to Andy for his endless work and guidance at maintaining the site in such a great condition . The site now offers so much diversity.