

Rowhedge Allotment Extraordinary General Meeting
Sunday 9th February 2.30pm.
Rowhedge Village Hall

Attending members:

Fae Stancombe, Staci Zimmerman, Liz Morton, Sarah Sprackling, Barbara Chaplin, Paul Warner, Sally Morris, Kataryna Soltys, Ceinwen Nokes, Jonathan Nokes, Janet Livingstone, Joy Morris, Penny Sturt, Martin Chapman, Carol Blackaby, Lillian Wagner, Katrina Myers, Dave Myers, Zoe Hart, Jim Ward, Guy Kiely, Zoe Meakin, Jack McCarthy, Holly Percival, Mark Lewis, Lynn Lewis, Sarah Elam, Seher Sidwell, Alan Page, Donna Hill, Anne Jones, Sue Chinnery, Clyve Tanner, Jake Murrells, Caroline Bates.

35 of 60 members so meeting and vote quorate.

Janet Livingstone, Chairperson introduced the purpose of the meeting which has been called to vote on whether to become a cooperative.

Janet and Caroline recapped on the context for this decision – the Association needs to adopt a legal status in order to meet FCA rules and in order to be able to sign the new 7 year rolling lease with our landlords, East Donyland Parish Council.

Following consultation with the National Allotment Society and one of their legal advisors, the Rowhedge Allotment Committee has considered the various possible options and under advice, views the option most aligned to our current structure and workings to be becoming a cooperative.

This will involve each member paying £1 and becoming a shareholder.

We would become Rowhedge Allotment Association Limited.

The biggest change will be the adoption of model rules and regulations and new tenancy agreements will be amended to align with these.

In order to pursue this option we need a quorate membership vote to accept the rules and regulations and to agree becoming a cooperative.

The process for becoming a cooperative was explained.

There was some discussion and some questions from the floor.

Anne Jones then proposed that we become a cooperative and adopt the model rules. This proposal was seconded by Katrina Myers and Barbara Chaplin. A show of hands was taken and all 35 members present unanimously voted for the proposal.

Thanks were given to the committee for their work on this.

Actions:

To progress the process to becoming a cooperative.

To inform EDCP of the outcome.