

## EWAA Committee Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm

**Chair:** Jane Millar                      **Minutes:** Valerie Wardlaw  
**Present:** Andy Henson, Steve Simmons, Stewart Young, John Cropper,  
Pat Mansfield, Pete Byfield, Jo (Jane's plot sharer)  
**Apologies:** Derek Bloomfield, Helen Costello, Chris Rumble

<b>Minutes of last meeting- matters arising:-</b>	
-Noticeboards (Steve has wood and will do soon)	Steve
-Mike Gass change of contact details for OCC website (done)	
-White House project- use of polytunnels (Stewart still to do)	Stewart
-Shed keys for Richard (agreed Richard could have- Steve and John Cropper need shed keys too)	Andy?
- fencing update (Stewart-talked to Mike Gass- they thought the snagging had been done, which it hasn't. No further work will be done until the next financial year starts in April as they have run out of money)	
<p><b>2. EWAA/ OUWG joint meeting feedback</b></p> <p>Jane Millar, Andy and Steve attended and agreed with the majority of the OUWG minutes of the meeting except for the following. Jane, Andy and Steve will agree amendments to the minutes and send the revised version back to OUWG.</p> <p>-Any EWAA members who want a OUWG gate key will need to arrange individually – talk to Andy to find out best way to organise this.</p> <p>-Signs on boundaries- OUWG will make signs</p> <p>-EWAA toilet can be used by small numbers of OUWG members, but not visiting groups</p> <p>Coppicing and management of extension hedges- EWAA needs to come to an agreement about produce from the extension, as originally the trees were planted with the aim of providing 'woodland produce' for EWAA members, not just 'surplus' coppiced material. In addition the hedge boundaries were originally supposed to be hazel and not hawthorn. Agreed we needed to negotiate with OUWG to ensure we are offered first refusal on 'woodland' or 'coppiced' products and to try and prevent the hawthorn being planted in the wrong place. Jane will contact Kathy Chicken to see if the hedge planting can be halted. Pete Byfield to give any written documentation about what was originally planned or agreed about the produce from the extension land and hedges to a member of the committee so we can agree what we would like to do.</p>	<p>Jane Andy Steve</p> <p>Jane Pete</p>
<p><b>3. Work party organisation for 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b></p> <p>skip delivered</p> <p>Valerie &amp; Adrian will lead Saturday's workparty, John Cropper Sunday</p> <p>Jobs- put down chippings on the path between shop road and middle road, empty matured compost from bin and turn other compost bins, litter pick, clear rubbish from around shop, keep clearing area beside shop. Area could be used for more compost bins and an extra rainwater tank.</p> <p>Steve will fix gutting on shop at another time.</p>	<p>Valerie John</p> <p>Steve</p>
<p><b>4. Rule change for motorised equipment</b></p> <p>EWAA rules cannot be changed except at an AGM or EGM. If members want to change the rules on use of equipment then it is up to them to call an EGM.</p>	
<p><b>5. Newsletter circulation</b></p> <p>Steve will put up copies of the latest newsletter on all allotment gates and put up a box outside the shop for members not on email so they aren't left out.</p>	Steve

<p><b>6. Plots update-</b>  We have a short waiting list, and no vacant plots. We need to agree a date for the plot inspections sometime in April.  -Stakes for marking plots- Andy hasn't painted any more stakes.  All agreed that Stewart needed to be involved in marking boundaries of plots where the boundaries were difficult to identify- he will need a had putting in the marker stakes- agree a date at next meeting? Where boundaries are clear it is up to the plot holders to number their plots and agree the boundaries with their neighbours.</p>	<p>All    Andy  Stewart</p>
<p><b>7. Shop update-</b>  To encourage reuse of mypex we will put up a sign in the shop to enable plot holders to pass used mypex on to others.  All material given to the allotment free of charge will be passed on to plot holders free of charge- e.g. chippings, compost and coppiced material. Need a sign asking people to limit what they take so it is shared.</p>	<p>Valerie</p>
<p><b>8. Wish list</b>  The Lazy dog, azadas and scythe will be in the tool shed as soon as Andy has brought them from home. Please make sure everyone fills in the equipment form in the shed before using them.  John requested a small rotavator for use in raised beds be added to the wish list.</p>	<p>Andy</p>
<p><b>9. Equipment servicing:</b>  Wheeled mower &amp; trimmers- Stewart has had the steel trimmer serviced and is organising for the others. The mower has been damaged beyond repair and needs to be replaced. A John Deere at £629 was recommended, but we need to decide how much we want to spend, as the mowers will inevitably get damaged. Andy/ Derek/ Steve and Stewart will decide which mower is the best option and buy it before the grass gets out of hand.  Retrieval of yellow trimmer from Alan Hart (Derek is away so don't know if this has happened)  Selling Atco (Jane still to do)</p>	<p>Steve  Stewart  Derek  Andy    Derek    Jane</p>
<p><b>10. Vice President</b>  Derek is keen to remain EWAA Vice President as he has sufficient spare time to devote to the allotment.</p>	
<p><b>11. AOB</b>  Rotavator use- this equipment can only be used under supervision by Andy/Steve/Derek or Richard and costs £8 per hour. John would also like to be trained to use it.  All agreed that John can put up a mini polytunnel on his plot as he has checked with his neighbours and it won't shade their plots.</p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>7.30pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at the Allotment shop</b></p>	

I forgot to mention the next allotment Forum/ Federation meeting is on April 10<sup>th</sup>, which will be their AGM. I will forward any information I get about the event.