

Minutes of Management Agreement Working Party Meeting held on 17th May 2022 at Moor Green

Meeting started at 18.30hrs
Minutes by Barbara Smith,

Attendees: David Draycott (Moor Green), David Read (Ward End), John Upton (Gospel Lane), Barbara Smith (BDAC-Lower Tinkers Farm), Keith Yardley (Station Road), Phil Zjalic (Wychbury Road), Hester Blewitt (Ward End) John and Stephanie Wallbutton (Greenaleigh Allotments) Jo Nelson (West Heath) Ross White (Harborne Lane)

Apologies: None

1. David Draycott started the meeting, stating the purpose and intentions. There was a discussion about the date to hold a longer three hours meetings that would produce a final draft of an amended agreement. It was decided to commit to a date at the close of the meeting due to initial difficulties with members personal commitments.
2. Amended Agreement: Derek gave out copies of an amended version of the Agreement that he had retyped. He explained his system of nomenclature to keep a track on versions. All comments are now in red and endnotes in blue. It was agreed that all future amendments would go through Derek.
3. Self- Management : Hester gave an up dated overview of her research so far and distributed copies of grids showing management in both large urban areas and smaller rural areas. She also showed information from York and Leicester. She mentioned that many organisations used Colony management systems. She explained that should we move to self-management, then our systems would need to be up dated and streamlined. It was decided that she would send all up-to-date documents in a pack to Barbara by email. Barbara would then distribute to all WP members. David commented that the NAS have said that approximately 34% of their members are managed in a form of self-management. That this is growing.
4. David Read explained he had been working on a possible management structure operating on five levels. He gave out a paper setting out his management ideas.
5. The Chair and members of the WP thanked Derek, Hester and David for their work.
6. Next meeting: After discussions it was decided to hold a three-hours meeting on the 29th May at Gospel Lane starting at 16.00hrs. It was agreed that WP members would read and consider the following: the amended management agreement, the pack of documents compiled by Hester and David's management ideas before the meeting. The meeting will go through the documents in order to finalise views.
7. There has been no response from Darren confirming his attendance at a provisional meeting on the 24th May at Moor Green. It looks unlikely that this will go ahead.
8. Phil Zjalic to produce a Gantt Chart setting out the critical path between now and the proposed date of end November for agreeing the new arrangements with the Council . This to include not only key decision points but also a framework for engaging with and consulting with all associations in the city to ensure that we have genuine buy-in from as many sites as possible
9. Date of next meeting 29th May at 4.00 . NOTE VENUE. Gospel Lane Allotments: Gospel Lane Acocks Green B27 7AG.