Coton Community Allotments Association

The funding for the allotment project has been provided by Shropshire Council

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021 @ 11:00am

COTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS, CORPORATION LANE

1. Present:

Simon Howard (SH)	Plot 15 (Chair)
Charles Mansell (CM)	Plots 46 + 49 (Secretary)
Kay Hawkins (KH)	Plots 21 + 22 (Treasurer)
Allan and Lucy Howells	Plots 1 + 2
Tony Lord	Plots 16 + 17

Apologies from Phil and Libby Oliver, Sophie Bell, Tim and Claire Kirby.

SH welcomed all and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Agenda

Chair's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report (summary of the 2020 accounts) and the minutes from the 2020 AGM were all circulated to members in March 2021. The Chair had not received any queries from members. Items to be discussed at this AGM are:

- Approval of officers
- Task list and workdays
- Social events and fundraising ideas
- AOB

3. Approval of Officers

SH (Chair), CM (Secretary) and KH (Treasurer) are all happy to remain in their roles until end of February 2022. Simon has decided to step down as Chair from March 2022 and the following nominations have been received:

Chair – Charles Mansell
Secretary – Sophie Bell

Nominations will be sought from members for all three roles and voted on at the 2022 AGM.

4. Task List

Hedge around the boundary needs to be managed and is probably tall enough to be laid (a winter job). Allan has the skills to lay the hedge and is happy to cut it back as an interim measure. CHEAG (Coton Hill Environmental Action Group) volunteers have offered to help. The hedge was planted by the Berwick Estate with a grant from Shropshire Council, so we need to liaise with them to see if they intend to maintain the hedge and/or are happy for CCAA to do some maintenance. **Action on KH to contact Michael Watney (Land Agent for Berwick Estate).**

Composting toilet roof needs to be replaced. Tim and Claire Kirby have offered to do the work. **Action on KH to source, price and purchase the materials and organise with Tim and Claire.**

Communal shed roof also needs repairs. Allan offered to source the materials and do the work and provide KH with the receipts for reimbursement. **Action on Allan.**

5. Social Events

   A late summer b-b-q was suggested.

6. AOB

   Communal raised beds – suggestions included: offering these to people on the waiting list, planting up with bee-friendly flowers.

   Triangle of land to the immediate south of the site (alongside the track down to the allotments) – question was raised as to whether we would know if a planning application was submitted for this site. KH said that all planning applications are available to view on the Shropshire Council planning application portal and CCAA would probably be notified as a "neighbour" if a planning application were to be submitted on this land.

7. Meeting closed at 12:30