

Hangingwater Allotment Association (HAA)

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2017

Minutes of last meeting: agreed ok

Police visit:

We were visited by 2 members of the South Yorkshire Police who apologised for missing the AGM but this was due to illness. However they spent a lot of time with us, answering our questions and offering various tips we could use to try to reduce the amount of vandalism. They also provided marker pens, leaflets and posters and offered to walk through the site when they patrol the area.

Security tips:

- Approach the council to see if they have a budget to help with vandalism prevention. Fixed lighting on the "green lane" would be useful. This lane might ultimately lead to a crossing on Hangingwater Road for the school children.
- Set up an Allotment Watch which the Allotment Office might help us with.
- CCTV cameras, camouflaged wildlife cameras, shed alarms
- Register items on the Immobilise website. This enables the police to identify stolen goods in the burglar's houses. There are lots of helpful tips on this website.

<https://www.immobilise.com/>

- Put indelible logos, graffiti, names etc on all items. Marked stolen stuff isn't easy to sell on Ebay or elsewhere.
- Don't leave valuable stuff on site, don't lock sheds
- Try to get a lockable container for the site like the Hagg Lane and Marsh Lane allotments. Does anyone know where we can get one from?

Agenda Items:

- **Fence**

The fence is nearly complete

- **Shed break in and vandalism**

A number of sheds and plots have been vandalised recently and most have been reported to the police.

- **Membership fees**

By the date of the last meeting only 38 people had paid their fees. Please note that fees are now due and the new email list of paid-up members will be compiled at the end of May.

- **Plant Sale**

This will be held on the 28th May (Bank Holiday Sunday). Please try to keep extra plants and seedlings for us and let us know if you would be able to help on the day. It is good fun, and visitors seem to enjoy it.

- **Water**

The water has now been turned on.

- **Manure**

Will be delivered next Monday 17th

Any other business: None

Date and time of next meeting:

May 2nd 7.30 pm, Bulls Head, Fulwood Road