

26/1/2011 7pm at the Wesley Centre Sandbach

**Sandbach Allotment Society**

Annual General Meeting

Meeting commenced at 7.10 pm.

- 1 **Apologies** – Kath Millington Zoe Garland Jeffrey Rogers Phil Hauptt and Ann Banks
- 2 **Paul Molley** kindly gave a 20 minute presentation on the proposed changes to Yeowood Farm. This would see the 100 acre holding transform into allotments, community orchards, tree planting, marina with chandlers and shop and market garden. With improved foot paths and a new bridge over the canal, this is intended to improve the bio-diversity and employment of the area. Paul stated that our initial lease will be for 10 years with an automatic renewal to follow.
- 3 **Keith Haines** gave us an overview of the role of the Town council (STC) to date. The funding that the STC are proposing is on a sliding scale over 10 years. Keith stated that we need planning permission and possible a road traffic impact survey
- 4 Tana read the minutes from last years AGM and they were approved.
- 5 **Chair' Report.** Susan gave a resume of our activities over the past year.
  - Our monthly committee meetings
  - Lobbying letters to the STC and Cheshire East.
  - A £500 starts up grant from STC.
  - Setting up of SAS web site.
  - Failure of negotiations over initial site.
  - Yeowood Farm being offered for Allotments.
  - Securing of STC financial support over 10 years.
- 6 **Susan gave the Treasures report.** We have audited accounts for the financial year 2010 which show a credit balance of £904.83
- 7 **Jenny Haines gave the membership report.** We have 66 people who have paid the £10 deposit for an allotment site and two associate members who wish to benefit from any bulk buying we achieve in the future.10 people on the waiting list. Jenny thanked everyone for their support and offer of a variety of skills.
- 8 **Election of Officers.** Dick Macaulay kindly oversaw the stepping down and re-election of the Chair, membership secretary and one other. We welcomed Alex Llewellyn to the committee. We thanked Paul for his help in the past.  
Coffee break
- 9 **Web site** Richard encouraged everyone to take ownership of the web site.
- 10 **Plans for the forth coming year.** Phil outlined our plans to set up working Groups. These will include;
  - Site set-up groups – fencing, plumbing, car parking
  - Financial –funding, rental agreements, fund raising.
  - Rules and regulations – site rules to keep the site uniformed and productive.

Supply's – bulk buying of seed, tools, etc.

11 AOB Discussions were had over sheds and poly tunnels and whether they will be allowed. If allowed, would SAS be in a position to buy and rent back the sheds. The idea of community allotments was raised. Interest was shown in having bee's and if chickens would be considered. The Chair stated that as yet we have not seen a draft of the rental agreement.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

Next meeting Sunday 20/02/2011