

Sandbach Allotment Society

Report January 2011 - January 2012

Committee

Chair : Susan Doughty

Members : Phil Bramhill

Co-opted : Keith Haines

Secretary : Tana Thorne

Richard Smedley

Treasurer : Linda Poole

Julie Sherratt

Membership Secretary : Jenny Haines

Barrie Gribbin

Alex Llewellyn

when

Jan 2011

what

Second AGM

Committee re-elected

Accounts audited - Dick
Macauley

Yeowood Farm presentation for
new site

Renewed membership -
National Society of Allotment
and Leisure Gardeners

Applied for Public Liability
Insurance

Reapplied for grant to Cheshire
East Council for compost bins
and water butts

Outcome

120 attended - AL
elected to committee

2 new members
volunteered for
committee JS and BG.

Accounts agreed

Limited insurance to
cover ongoing activities,
including site visits, etc

£500 to be made
available when site
established

Jan/Feb	<p>Re-form committee</p> <p>Schedule committee meetings</p> <p>Initial layout of Yeowood Farm site</p>	Committee : as above
Feb/March	<p>Letter to Elton Road residents</p> <p>Committee looks at site set-up, rules/regulations, rental scheme/funding, events/fund-raising, sheds...etc.</p>	<p>Responses analysed</p> <p>First draft of rules for discussion</p>
March	<p>Yeowood Farm presentation for developments including allotments</p> <p>Provisional layout</p> <p>Report to Annual Town Meeting on progress</p>	Responses from local residents with concerns
April	<p>Survey of other possible sites in Sandbach</p>	Ongoing
May	<p>Sandbach Town Council approve financial plan following recommendations of Projects Committee</p>	Keith Haines co-opted onto committee. New Sandbach Town Council working party to be established.
June/July	<p>New Sandbach Town Council working party established.</p>	Councillors on working party : Ursula Griffiths,

		Sam Corcoran, Richard Hoffman
	Following consideration of residents' responses new proposals from Yeowood Farm for alternative site away from Elton Road	
	Badgers discussed with advisory groups	
August	Discussions with Yeowood Farm about alternative site : Sandbach Town Council working party and Cheshire East Council consultations about planning/access/fencing/gates/badgers	Outline plans drawn up Planning permissions required for alternative site. Time-scale extended for main site
September	As interim measure Yeowood Farm offer temporary site free of rent on a licence basis (30+ plots)	Committee agree to proceed with temporary site
	Contact with members to establish use of temporary site	35 half plots taken up
November	Committee asks Sandbach Town Council to pay for licences for temporary site from allocated budget	Agreed by Sandbach Town Council subject to conditions
	Contaminants check required by STC	Carried out and all clear
	Planning issues to be discussed with Cheshire East Council	In progress with Sandbach Town Clerk
November/ December	Waitrose green token scheme	Raised £445 for funds
	Sandbach Town Council working on licences for temporary site	Preparations at

Initial layout for temporary site	Yeowood Farm for temporary site - piggery cleared, etc.
Temporary site visits	
Renew Public Liability Insurance	
Organise AGM for Jan 2012	First draft for discussion
Prepare draft rules for temporary site	

Next Steps

- Consult with CEC about planning issues for temporary site
- Layout and set-up for temporary site
- Risk assessments for temporary site
- Continue negotiations with Sandbach Town Council/landowners for permanent site
- With Sandbach Town Council develop lease structure/legal framework for main site
- Layout for main site - utilities, paths etc
- Big Lottery/other funding sources
- Events/fund-raising
- Identifying other possible sites around Sandbach
- Continuing community involvement in local events/activities