

SMAA Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday 12th August, 6 pm at the Hub

- 1) **Welcome and apologies** - Present – Ann, Lisa, Mags, Marisa, Jeff,
Apologies – Angie, David

2) **Last minutes and matters arising**

There were no matters arising

3) **Treasurer's report**

no changes to previous report

4) **Secretary's report**

We have 24 members who have rejoined so far this year. Mags is registering us with the National Association. Seed catalogues are due to be circulated soon.

5) **Skipton Town Council links**

Next meeting is Thursday September 11th at 10am - items for discussion

- Feedback from the Public Services Committee about possible rent reductions for people who install water butts.
- Rats – quite a few people are reporting they have seen rats multiple times. One suggestion is could we work together to get greater pest control presence, including having someone at the allotments who is licenced to carry out pest control, or to enable more visits from the pest control officer.
- We've had several questions about what's happening with untended plots - what can we tell people to reassure them their concerns are being listened to. What action can we take as individuals and where do we report concerns.
- What is the update re car park plans
- Update on tree maintenance and plans
- In light of newspaper reports of allotments being earmarked for building we are trying to establish who owns / what is the status of the allotment lands (see AOB)
- Vacancies and waiting list numbers

6) **AGM**

This went well and the minutes have been circulated.

Chair – Ann Holmes, Treasurer – Jeff Harrison, Secretary – Mags Allen

Committee members - Angie Hayes, Derek Breckon, David Snell, Corrinne Abbey.

7) **Hub**

We've managed to keep the hub open most Saturday mornings between 10.30 & 11.30 am.

The wildlife garden has now been restyled for easier maintenance.

Jeff is keeping the hub borders tidy on a regular basis – thank you Jeff.

8) **AOB**

We discussed land ownership rights of the allotment site. We need to get a clear picture of ownership. Lisa thinks a church group gave the land to the people of Skipton. Angie is planning to meet with Deborah from BRAA re this. Also Ann and Jeff will discuss this at the meeting with STC in Sept

9) **Next meeting**

Next meeting - Tuesday 16th September 6pm at the Hub – Everyone is welcome.