



## **Canalside Community Food**

a community supported agriculture scheme

### **Annual General Meeting Minutes**

5pm for 5.30pm, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Radford Semele Community Hall, 68 Lewis Road, Radford Semele, CV31 1UQ

**Chair:** Tom Ingall

**Steering group members present:** Gareth Davies, Tom Ingall, Judy Steele, Ali Jeffery (minuting), John Ingall, Matt Western, Magali Fowler, Dom van Marsh

**Members present:** 29 members were present:

Graham Williams, Erica Moody, Sharon Highway, Dave Highway, Felicity Rock, Chris Philpott, Lena Sucker, Joseph Ingall, Ben Cowan, Louise Male, Martin Lloyd, John Liddamore, Verity Thomson, Bruce Knight, Rose Knight, Dave Steele, Dave Fenton, Sam Elvyhart, David Dimambro, Rebecca Knight, Jamie Knight, Jane Ingall, Sumithra Konduru, Steven Hunt, Pam Reason, Sarah Hunt, David Curran, Russell Coleridge, Clare Viney

#### **1. Introduction**

Tom Ingall welcomed everyone.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from:

Patricia Hollis, Kath Pasteur, Xandra Gilchrist, Penny Halpin, Ben & Clare Phillips, Nanda van Marsh, John & Carolyn Pickering, Kristie Naimo, Antony Wood, Ruth Leary, Marine Favre Decloux, Caz Ingall, Fiona Cottrell, Keir Mitchell

#### **3. Approve Minutes from last AGM**

We approved the minutes of the last AGM.

#### **4. Steering group report on new developments**

Tom reported on recent developments at Canalside:

**New staff:** Dom van Marsh and Lena Sucker joined the team in 2016.

**Pension:** Canalside is now required by law to pay pension contributions for Dom and Lena, this is applied to all staff so that we are looking after all staff in the same way

**Wages:** Canalside continues to aim to increase the wages each year by more than the RPI (retail price index) - this month there will be an increase of 2% on wages for all staff.

**Price increase:** After lengthy deliberations about our budget, steering group recommends to members a price increase of £1 per week for a medium share, which equates to £1.50 per week for a large share and £0.67 per week for a small share.

**Land purchase moving ahead:** A business grant has been applied for to cover the £10K costs of establishing the land trust that will manage the land once it has been bought. A share offer will also be put together for members and others to help purchase the land that we currently rent.

**Summer party:** We've been looking at how we organise events at Canalside, in particular the summer party, and how we can shift the dynamic from a few people taking a lot of responsibility to opening it out to more people. So we're looking for people who feel inspired to help make the summer party happen, either a few people or a bigger number. There's a document that Ali's put together about how the summer party has been organised in recent years that can be a useful support for anyone coming forward for this.

## **5. Financial Report *Presentation of our accounts over the last year***

Gareth presented the accounts for the last year in the form of financial tables and pie charts. These are filed with these minutes and will be available for members to see after the AGM. Overall we made a small loss last year, which is why we need to look at increasing the cost of the shares. Our reserves are still healthy although they dipped slightly in 2016. We aim to hold about 3 months' wages in our reserves.

The members approved the accounts that had been prepared by the accountants for submission to company's house.

We also agreed to approve Harris Accountancy Ltd as our accountant for the next year.

## **6. Steering Group elections**

Ben Cowan and Will Johnson stood down from the steering group in 2016 and we thanked them for their work on the steering group.

Dom van Marsh and Tom Ingall joined the steering group in the last year. These were elected to the steering group and the other members of the steering group were re-elected.

## **7. Meal**

A bring-and-share mid-winter feast was enjoyed by those present.

## **8. Summary of year by Dom van Marsh, grower manager**

Dom van Marsh gave an illustrated talk entitled 'A History of Canalside in 2016 in 100 objects'.

## **9. Discussion and questions**

There were opportunities for discussion and questions during the evening.

*Questions asked included:*

*Do you notice seasonal variations in numbers of people leaving and joining?*

*What is the capacity of the land in terms of number of shares?*

*Has the price increase caused more people than usual to leave in the past?*

## **10. Close**

The meeting closed at about 8pm. Thank you to everyone who attended and brought delicious contributions for the meal.