

Golders Green Allotment and Horticultural Association

Rules

1. The Association shall be known as the Golders Green Allotment and Horticultural Association and shall be referred to hereafter in these Rules as the Association.
2. The objects of the Association shall be:
 - a. To promote co-operation among those who are interested in the cultivation of allotments, gardens and allied hobbies.
 - b. To protect members' interests by all lawful means.
 - c. To further the study and pursuit of gardening in its various branches.
3. The Association may purchase and maintain stocks of fertilisers, implements and other goods as may be decided on from time to time for resale of members of the association only. The profit or loss on any such transactions shall be credited or charged to the funds of the Association.
4. Membership shall be open to all who cultivate allotments on the site known as Hospital Field Allotments and garden members – those who cultivate private gardens in the district. The Committee shall have the power to refuse an application for admission, to expel a member and to rescind a membership.
5. The annual subscriptions shall be at rates decided and passed by a simple majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and shall consist of three classes: - Plot Holders, OAP Plot Holders and Garden Members. The subscriptions shall fall due on the 1st January. All paid up and honorary members of the Association shall have equal voting rights.
6. The President and Vice-President of the Association shall be nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. They will be honorary members.
7. The Officers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Trading Secretary, Assistant Trading Secretary and Plot Secretary. These shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.
8. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of Management consisting of not more than 8 members and the Officers. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt. A quorum at Committee meetings shall consist of five.
9. The Committee shall meet at least three times annually.
10. A Special Meeting of the Association shall be held on requisition in writing of at least fifteen members. The requisition shall clearly indicate the matter to be dealt with and no other business shall be transacted at the Special Meeting, which shall be convened within one calendar month of receipt of the requisition.
11. The Annual General Meeting at which the audited Accounts shall be presented, and the Officers, Committee and Auditor or Auditors for the ensuing year be elected, shall be held in the months of February or March.

12. The Accounts of the Association shall be audited by one or more persons who shall not be Officers or Committee Members of the Association.
13. The Treasurer shall have discretion to retain any working balance in the form of cash. All other monies received shall be banked in the name of the Association. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Association, the signatures of any two being considered a full and sufficient discharge. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall satisfy himself at intervals of not more than six months that no excessive cash balances are being held by the Treasurer. The Treasurer is required to produce any documents necessary for this purpose
14. That this Association shall be members of various Associations or Societies nominated and approved by a majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Any benefits or privileges that are available from these Associations or Societies shall be available to all members of the Association.
15. Dogs shall not be brought onto the allotment garden site unless the dog is held on a leash.
16. No hut or other structure shall be erected or sited without the approval of the Council, in accordance with the agreement signed by all Allotment Holders.
17. The allotment site must be entered by the proper roads, paths and gates, and all gates must be re-locked on entering or leaving the site with the exception of Gate No. 1, which will be left open during the times the trading hut is operating.
18. No animals or birds may be kept on the site. Bees may be kept on a plot by permission of the Committee.
19. If and when this Association disbands, the monies standing to its credit will, after all legal debts have been settled, be equally divided between all paid up members.
20. The Association can only be disbanded as the result of a decision taken at an AGM or EGM of the Association, when the resolution to disband must be passed a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
21. These Rules can only be amended at a full general meeting of the Association; such amendments must be presented in writing and also displayed on the notice board of the trading hut at least one calendar month before the meeting.
22. The Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered by these Rules, including the power to affiliate to Societies with similar interests.

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