BYNG ROAD ALLOTMENT GROUP

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 15th May 2016**

Present: Tony Rowan-Wickes (Chair) and 25 Members

1. **Apologies for Absence:** David Eaton, Nick Mackley
2. **Minutes of 2015 AGM:** Minutes accepted by the meeting
3. **Matters arising form Minutes**
* The financial liabilities of trustees were clarified
* The chair explained the current situation of the disputed footpath access to the site. Barnet Council had confirmed that the lease from the Council to Noah's Ark Children's Hospice reserves a right of way for the Council to use, and the lease from the Council to the Allotment Group grants a right of way for the allotment holders to use. In the following discussion members were adamant that a right of way must be retained as it is now and that BRAG should not be asked for any financial contributions for its upkeep.
* A reduced discount for over 65’s has been introduced following a survey of the members
1. **Annual Report from the Chair:**
* Fencing on the Southern boundary has been completed adding to site security
* Free compost delivered to the site contains an activator so gloves should be worn and face masks are recommended
* Knotweed is still present in small areas of the site but under control
* Edges of roadways are breaking up – members asked to drive carefully and avoid verges. Plot holders bordering roadways asked to keep grass cut back.
* Two successful socials for members had been held this year
1. **Annual Accounts:** The annual accounts were accepted by the meeting. The independent examiner, Derek Dishman, was thanked for his work and his appointment for the coming year was approved.
2. **Constitution:** At the recommendation of the committee the following resolution was approved by a show of hands. 17 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Resolution: ‘to adopt the proposed constitution in place of any previous constitution’.

1. **Election of Committee Members:** The meeting was asked to approve the nominations to the Committee for the coming year *en bloc.* The following nominations wereapproved unanimously by a show of hands: David Eaton, Dick Elms, Sophie Esplin-Jones, Nick Mackley, Ravi de Mel, Jenny Murison, Tony Rowan-Wickes, David Wilson
2. **Thanks:** Tony Rowan Wickes proposed a vote of thanks to Erica Barker for her dedicated work. Ravi de Mel proposed a vote of thanks to Tony Rowan-Wickes for all his work as Chair.