

Saughton Mains Allotments Association

Constitution

- 1 The Association shall be known as the Saughton Mains Allotments' Association.
- 2 The purpose of the Association is to foster the interests of its members and to represent them within both the Federation of Edinburgh and District Allotments and Gardens Associations (FEDAGA) and the City of Edinburgh Council.
3. Membership of the Association shall all be registered ploholders within Saughton Mains Allotments. It is a condition of membership of the Association that the rules as set out below are adhered to.
4. The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee comprising Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a further nine members. Committee members shall hold office for a period of three years. Six members will comprise a quorum, one of whom must be an office bearer.
5. General Meetings shall normally be held on the third Sunday of May and September. The September meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting when the election of executive and ordinary members shall take place, 20 members being a quorum for both meetings.
- 6 Notice of General Meetings together with the Agenda shall be posted on the Committee Notice Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
- 7 Retiring committee members shall stand down at the Annual General Meeting. All members of the Association shall be eligible for election.
- 8 Amendments to the Constitution shall be made only at General Meetings. Notice of Motion concerning such amendments shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least one month prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members.
- 10 The Committee shall meet at least twice between General Meetings. When only two such meetings take place they shall be separated by at least two months.
- 11 The Association membership fee may be varied in agreement with FEDAGA. It shall be charged annually against each plot and collected by the City of Edinburgh Council along with the annual rent.
- 12 Ten members may call for an Extraordinary Meeting by requisition in writing to the Secretary. Such meetings shall be held within one month of receipt of notification.
- 13 In the event of dissolution, all liquid assets, after debt clearance, shall be donated to a registered charity. Other assets shall pass to FEDAGA.

Rules

- 1 Tenants shall have access to cultivate their plots in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Allotments (Scotland) Act; e.g., produce must be for their own use, tenants shall maintain their plots in good order, free of weeds, particularly those with airborne seeds, etc
- 2 Tenants shall observe the terms of their Missive of Lease.
- 3 Plots are strictly non-transferable and cannot be sublet in whole or in part.
- 4 Tenure shall be from year to year, renewal of tenure shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 5 Plots shall be allocated to new tenants by the City of Edinburgh Council in consultation with the Association Committee.
- 6 All designated pathways shall typically be three feet wide and shall be kept, by the adjacent plot holders, free of weeds, rubbish and overhanging objects.
- 7 Motor traffic shall obey the speed limits operating within the site.
- 8 Tenants shall lock the entrance gates after arrival and departure.
- 9 Dogs shall be kept on leash while not confined to the tenant's own plot.

- 10 A wheelie bin is provided for the disposal of glass, metal and plastic. Vegetable material shall be composted. Plastic shall not be burnt on site
- 11 Complaints shall be made in writing to a Committee member. The Committee will consider these and the resultant action reported back to the complainer.
- 12 The Committee have power to report. to the City of Edinburgh Council, any member who fails to observe the Rules or commits any other nuisance. The City of Edinburgh Council have the power to terminate leases after writing to the plot holder and giving them the opportunity to remedy the complaint.