

Members' meeting AGM 24th February

We have more than a quorum! Freya sends her apologies. James was not able to come, but Clare is taking his place.

AGM election:

Per our articles a third of the board stood down. Those standing down were James and Sim.

Sim stood for reelection and our new head Grower Martin Campodonic stood for election. Members had been invited by email to join the board and were also invited to stand at the meeting, but there were no other candidates.

Both candidates were unanimously elected to the Board.

Member's Meeting:

Hello Goodbye

We welcomed our new Head Grower, Martin Campodonic and our Member Recruitment Manager, Isobel Tarr.

Martin has been involved in commercial scale growing for last 6 years, mostly biodynamic and has been volunteering with Sims Hill for the last year. He will be working with Bruce who has been with us for a year.

Isobel will be helping us meet our ambitious recruitment targets. This role will focus on active face to face recruitment. Isobel has been a member for over a year. She has lived in Bristol for the last 4 years and has worked with volunteers and community engagement with the High Water Line project. She has some creative ideas for recruitment, and wants to connect with other members around this.

Saying good-bye to James and Clare ☹️

Sim presented Clare with our gift to them. Clare passed on James' wishes saying that he is sad to leave and has very much enjoyed being part of Sims Hill.

Grower's report

Clare read a report written by James:

2014 was one of the best growing years we have had, wet spring, sunny summer, and cool wet August, and a great September. Almost all the crops did really well, especially root crops, brassicas, squash, salads, etc. We struggled with growing onions and parsnips. The salads were very high quality.

In 2014 we've also been evaluating other parts of the system besides yield. We completed the first part of the composting system, and are exploring producing biomass on site, and collecting some green waste. Long term the plan is to have a closed-loop system, but we would need more land to do this. We're also looking at how the soil is cultivated to protect its structure.

James thanked everyone who he has worked with, including the workshares, the Board, and all the members, and to Clare. He feels that he has left Sims Hill in a good state. We need to protect Bristol's good growing land!

Sim relayed all the thanks of the Board and members to James and Clare for everything they have done.

Financial report from Bobbie

This was sent round before the meeting and can be accessed [here](#).

Clare reminded everyone to update their reference number and to please change their share prices to reflect the new prices!

Sims Hill, Metro Bus and the Bluefinger

Ali facilitated a session in which members discussed the current protest against Metro bus in the context of what can Sims Hill do (as an organisation), and what can individuals do. The plan was to come out with some guidelines on what might be done on this issue, but also some broader principles on how the Sims Hill board can represent us in similar situations.

Following the discussion the board was given the job of using the outcomes of the meeting to write up a list of principles cooperatively agreed by the Members, on Sims Hills remit in relation to campaigns. The principles and guidelines agreed can be accessed [here](#), and the actions brought up by members at the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

What can you do for Sims Hill?

- We have lots of jobs that we need help with
- We need help with membership support
- We need help with growing and delivering and helping with stall, etc.
- We need help with recruitment

If you can help with any of these please contact us via simshillsharedharvest@googlemail.com