

Bandstand Beds Association (BBA) AGM – 13 February 2019

Chair's Report

Each time I sit to write the report for the AGM and look back over the past twelve months, I'm always amazed at just how much has been achieved by BBA, and it's always the best year yet!

We now have a strong core of dedicated volunteers and an amazing community garden that is a credit to Lambeth. In the past year we have achieved the things we set out to do or are well on the way to doing so.

Although the polytunnel access pathway hasn't been installed, money from a [Tesco Bags of Help](#) grant and produce donations means work will start on this project at the end of this month or beginning of March.

Our application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was submitted last year but due to a processing backlog we have been told the earliest we can expect a decision is this August.

Not only has our organisation become a hub of food growing enjoyed by local residents, since being given community representation on Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee we have supported and helped organise events and activities for CCMAC and Lambeth Council.

Activities and events included...

- Saturday morning gardening sessions often including a workshop on topics such as pickling, pollinators and of course gardening. During the summer these sessions were followed by lunch prepared on site using produce from the garden.
- Monday afternoon 55+ which attracted a small group of regular attendees and is something worth building on next year. A grant from [Greggs Foundation](#) enabled us to buy equipment and parasols, which were much needed during the summer's heatwave.
- Wednesday evening gardening sessions.
- We organised the annual Common People event in May, launching the beginning of CCMAC's Bandstand music programme.
- Hosted [Groundwork's Small Change Big Difference](#) workshops.
- Our members pitched in to help with [CCMAC's Colour Your Common](#), with refreshments available for volunteers in our garden.
- For our harvest feast in September we worked with LBL and CCMAC to organise an event for [Car Free Day](#), with stalls and activities along Windmill Drive and food in our garden. This event was also signed up for [Capital Growth's The Urban Harvest](#).

BBA's membership continues to grow, as does the support and interest in our community garden. We will continue to pursue our aims and objectives of sharing horticultural skills and knowledge with the public and for our community garden to provides a space where people can get outdoors, meet people and have fun. A place where everyone is welcome!

To see more about BBA's fun-filled activities [click on this link](#) to Ollie Smallwood's amazing video *From Seed to Harvest*.