

Camberwell & District Allotment Society (CDAS)

The application for CDAS to become a registered co-operative

A few revisions to the wording of the draft new Rules of CDAS which had been approved last year

Background

The background is explained in the memorandum circulated to members before last year's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) of CDAS. This is attached.

The National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardens (**NSALG**) are sponsoring CDAS's application to the Financial Conduct Authority (**FCA**) to become a registered co-operative. The lawyer at NSALG has requested a few changes to the draft new Rules which were approved at last year's AGM. A few other changes have been made which have been approved by NSALG. The changes which have been agreed are now incorporated in the new Rules.

Subject to the approval of the revisions to the new Rules, an application will be made to the FCA for CDAS to be accepted on the register of registered co-operatives.

The changes

The changes which have been agreed with NSALG are highlighted on the copy of the rules. They are explained below.

The changes are:

1. The changes to **5.2.4**, the heading of clause 6 and the changes to **6.1.1**, **6.1.2** and **8.1** were requested to by NSALG to move the definition of the Section Members to the beginning of the membership section (Clause **6**). This technical alteration doesn't change the content of the earlier draft.
2. One of two changes to Associate Membership is to add provision in **6.1.3.1** for a Site to permit more than two helpers on a plot
3. The second change to Associate Membership in **6.1.3.2** is to expand this type of membership from helpers to include 'persons who have expertise in horticulture and/or agriculture' in order to replicate the existing provision in the current Rules and to allow for beekeepers who do not hold a plot. (The references to **6.1.3.2** in **6.2** and **6.4.6** accommodate this change.)
4. To avoid the continuation of the membership of a person who leaves his or her plot without notice, **6.4.5** terminates membership of that person.
5. The NSALG asked for the word 'charge' to be replaced by the word 'allegation' in **7.2** for the process of dealing with a member whose conduct is thought to be detrimental to the interests of the members.

6. The addition of **8.4** and **9.4** were requested by NSALG in order to confirm that Associate Members do not have a share or a vote.
7. The changes in **10.4** and **10.8** are made to improve the wording of and to make clearer the co-option arrangements for the Main Committee.
8. The changes in **11.2** are to improve the wording of what was intended to be said about Section AGMs.
9. The changes in **11.4.4** are made to improve the wording of and to make clearer the co-option arrangements for the Section Committees.
10. The word 'elected' is removed from **11.6** as the obligation falls on co-opted members as well as elected members of a Section Committee.
11. Clause **12.4** has been added, with the approval of NSALG, in order to provide a means to resolve any unresolved disputes between the Main Committee and a Section Committee.
12. **13.4** has been altered to clarify that a quorum relates to the number of Full Members present at a general meeting.

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