

Annual General Meeting of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group-Minutes

Saturday 20th November 2021 at 11.00am

At Selsey Town Council

Meeting opened

Present:

Lesley Bromley (chair), Alex Ainge (Acting secretary and Trustee), Gina Carrington (Trustee), Joe Savill, Bill Martin, Jane Scotland (Treasurer), Jane Reeve, Jill Sutcliffe, David Wyatt, Felicity Mc Stea, Peter White, Nikki Timney, Trevor Gibson-Poole, Glenda Baum, Nick Gray, Helen Mitchell, Paul Bedford.

Apologies:

Sheila Wilkinson, Joan Foster

The chairperson, Lesley Bromley welcomed everyone to the AGM

Minutes:

The minutes of the MWHG Annual General Meeting held on 7th October, 2020 were approved.

Chair's Report

Lesley began by noting that volunteers were able to meet and continue their valued work that has been set out by volunteer leaders, following Covid restrictions.

Lesley highlighted the positive initiatives that the group had undertaken, including a farewell event to end the Flow project; gaining funding for the Watervole and Woodger projects; roll out of the Selsey photoarchive project and begin funding for the Selsey Tramway project.

This year, the MWHG took the decision to cut down on paper and ink waste by making the annual report only available online.

In addition, Lesley welcomed our new Treasurer, Jane Scotland who has worked hard and comprehensively since she joined us in October 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Jane circulated copies of the report to attendees and informed members that it was also attached to the annual report.

The report covers March 2019 to March 2020. The accounts do not include the final payment from the lottery grant as this was paid 3 months following the Flow project end (July).

Jane highlighted the position of MWHG with regards to financing. The group does not have a regular income and is fully reliant on the volunteers for their time given. Going forward, the group will look to finance their work through small, local grants. We have been

fortuitous in obtaining funds from the Woodger Trust as they are happy for the money to fund staff-rare for a funder to allow this.

We have a balance of £69,000 to carry forward. Our main asset was the Flow project vehicle which will show up on next year's accounts.

Treasurer's Report was proposed by Cllr.Glenda Baum and seconded by Peter White.

Election of Trustees and Treasurer

Lesley noted that Gina has indicated that she will leave as trustee at the next AGM 2022.

Adverts for a replacement will be online in the New Year and Lesley invited members present to help search for new trustees to increase diversity amongst the committee members.

All trustees and Treasurer are standing again. Proposed: Dr. Bill Martin; Seconded: Trevor Gibson-Poole. All members in favour.

Lesley pointed out that no resolutions had been received.

Any Other Business:

Eileen Savill Award

Entrants came from all age groups. The junior winners were presented with prizes at their school. The three senior winners joined us after the meeting was adjourned to receive their awards.

Jill Sutcliffe asked that we celebrate 25 years of the MWHG with events, next year. Lesley stated we could potentially resurrect the event at East Beach Pond which was cancelled due to lack of volunteers and Covid this year. To be discussed at next management meeting.

Peter White asked about volunteer hours on the annual report. Jane Reeve explained that they were work hours (approx. 6 per day) but will recheck figures.

Lesley asked if members are happy for the AGM in this format, without a talk. Members can contact Lesley to let her know.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.25am.

There followed a presentation, by Gina Carrington, of winners of the Eileen Savill award.