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Notes of the Annual General Meeting

Hobbs Room, Shrewsbury Library

Thursday 21 November 2013

7.30 pm

In the chair: Frank Oldaker Joint Co-ordinator

1. Present

John Newnham, Tony Green, Beth Holgate, John Rice, Helen Collins, Sophie Kennedy, Simon Evans, Craig Marston, Jas Davidson, Petro M Marghella, Jane Muris, Fran Hunt, Carolyn Stewart, Charlie Sinclair, Quentin Mills, Annie Bannerman, Les Lumsdon, Graham Lambert, Dave Green, Barbara Phillips, Kaal Webster, Sylvi Greengeld, Philip Pool, Joli Miller, Jessie Miller, Saffron Rainey, Maralyn Hepworth, Frank Oldaker, John Lucas, Eddy Butcher, Tom Supple, Fee Sibbick, Mike Richardson, Sue Fisher, Judy Coleridge.

2. Apologies

Janna Blair, Daniel Kawcsynski, Susan Tong, Mary & Alan Jeary, Ian Mitchell, Denise Thompson

3. Minutes of 2012 AGM held 6 November 2012

Proposal they be accepted. Proposed John Rice; seconded Philip Pool. Agreed unanimously.

4. Matters arising from 2012 AGM

None.

5. Treasurer's Report: John Rice

John circulated the statement of finance (see below) and made comments which were brief and included:

- We now have a system of paying annual subscriptions on our website through Paypal, which takes a fee for each transaction.
- We received a £500 anonymous donation this year
- We also received a £300 donation from Shropshire Organic Gardeners.
- The sale proceedings were from a market stall held in Shrewsbury Market Square
- The "refund for website" was a sum of money which was taken from our account by error by the company whom we pay for our domain name.
- The green guide Lottery grant has now been all spent.
- Overall, we are £200 better off than last year

Proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Proposed Tony Green; seconded Philip Pool. Agreed unanimously.

Frank thanked John for all his hard and consistent work as Treasurer for Shrewsbury FoE over the past 5 years. He explained that John was now standing down and that the meeting would be electing a new Treasurer.

6. Membership Secretary's Report: Sue Fisher

Sue reported that the Shrewsbury group has 64 members. Historically membership has been: 63 Members in 2012; 58 in 2011; 67 in 2010; 74 in 2009; 86 in 2008.

5 new people joined this year. 2 members did not re-join. 2 members are no longer with us. 34 members are due to renew in January 2014. The membership year runs from Jan to Dec. Members are beginning to use the website to renew.

The majority of members now prefer their information by e-mail. We have 13 postal members. Sue thanked members for supporting Shrewsbury FoE.

Proposed that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted. Proposed Tony Green; seconded Philip Pool. Agreed unanimously.

Frank thanked Sue for her continued hard work and for keeping our membership high.

7. Co-ordinators' Report: Frank Oldaker and Barbara Phillips

Frank introduced a motion in relation in to para 2 of SFoE constitution. Replace the words: "The Group shall work within the following geographical area -- Shrewsbury Parliamentary Constituency" with the words: "The Group shall work mainly, but not exclusively, within the following geographical area-- Shrewsbury Parliamentary Constituency."

Proposed: Frank Oldaker. Seconded: Barbara Phillips. Agreed unanimously

Frank then explained that, after consultation with the SFoE business group, it had been decided that there should not be an oral co-ordinators' report. This was because a full written report in the form of a newsletter had been issued to members at the end of October and it was felt that there was nothing to be added. Copies of the newsletter were available at the AGM. He welcomed discussion and/or questions from members. None were forthcoming.

Proposed that this approach be accepted. Proposed Sue Fisher; seconded Philip Pool. Agreed unanimously.

8. Election of Postholders

The constitution requires us to elect 3 postholders at an AGM. The following were elected unopposed:

Joint Co-ordinators: Frank Oldaker and Barbara Phillips. Proposed Judy Coleridge; seconded Dave Green

Treasurer: Tony Green. Proposed Mike Richardson; seconded Maralyn Hepworth

Membership Secretary: Sue Fisher. Proposed Judy Coleridge; seconded Mike Richardson.

There were other posts in relation to jobs that need to be done: website editor; newsletter editor; walks & talks co-ordinator. It was agreed that the monthly business meeting would appoint to these as and when they were needed. Members were reminded that all members are welcome at these meetings and are eligible for posts.

Frank thanked Mike Richardson, Barbara Phillips, Judy Coleridge and Philip Pool for undertaking these posts in the past year.

9. AOB.

Dave Green proposed a vote of thanks to all the members of the business group for their hard work and in particular for the work undertaken to launch the green guide website. Approved.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Liz Kessler entitled "People-friendly Sustainable Places".

Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth

Accounts for the period
October 2012 to September 2013

Opening Balance **£5,169.83**

INCOME

Subscriptions	379.75
Paypal test	0.08
Interest	5.80
Donations	802.00
Sale of re-usable postage labels	154.75
Refund for website	71.96

Total **£1,414.34**

EXPENDITURE

Fee to National Friends of the Earth	20.00
Bounced cheque (£6) + bank fee (£6)	12.00
Internet registration fees	14.36
Website annual fee	71.96
Postage	23.64
Hire of Rooms/The Square	20.00
Incinerator	
Court Fee	80.00
Travel Expenses (D Green)	12.70
Solicitors Fees (inc VAT)	900.00
Green Guide	
Website design (inc VAT)	1824.00
Leaflets & Artwork (inc VAT)	961.20
Admin expenses	69.00

Total **£4,008.86**

Closing Balance **£2,575.31**

Prepared by

Checked by

John Rice
Treasurer SFoE

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