

## Minutes of Stroud Woodlands AGM 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Present: Ruth Illingworth, Andy Freedman, Richard Keating, Helen Keating, Ben Spencer, Martin Large, Mark Harrison, Nadine Smykatz-Kloss, Barbara Imrie, Jackie Rowanly, Clare Sheridan, Paul Sheridan.

Apologies: Gabriel Kaye, Alice Goodenough, Annie Shaw, Perdita Dawson, Seb Buckton.

2. Minutes from last AGM agreed and signed. Proposed by Richard Keating & seconded by Ben Spencer Passed unanimously.

3. Draft accounts and reports presented. Mark Harrison thanked for his work as treasurer. We need annual donations from members to help cover on-going expenses such as insurance. Helen Keating to send out reminder for annual member donations. Thanks to Helen Keating for doing this. Need to keep record of woodfuel sessions income and expenditure for the accounts.

4. Exemption from auditing. This was proposed by Ben Spencer seconded by Barbara Imrie. Passed unanimously.

5. Election of officers, All directors stood down and then re-elected. Proposed Barbara Imrie seconded by Andy Freedman. Passed unanimously.

6. Camping guidelines, draft guidelines discussed. Ruth Illingworth to collate ideas and pass to Seb Buckton to finalise and publish. ACTION RI

7. Training report, Funding bid was unsuccessful so Richard Keating leading on developing courses in the woods with the aid of volunteers who have offered their skills. Based around 4 themes  
Plant diseases  
Woodland ecology  
Plant identification / nature connection  
Director responsibilities

8. Stroud festival of nature (SFN), there will be several events promoted through the SFN to take place in the woods.

9. Directors insurance, Following discussion it was decided not to take out directors insurance.

### AOB

a. Discussion on uses of felled wood. Some of longer pieces could be planked. Edges of previously planked wood could be used as edging e.g. for raised beds members could make a donation for these. Ben Spencer & Richard Keating to investigate planking and other uses. ACTION BS/RK

b. More wood fuel sessions for other felled wood of which there is plenty following the recent felling sessions. Paul Sheridan to contact Michael Dannenberg to arrange dates. ACTION PS

c. Monthly inspection reports circulated to directors and to be discussed at each core group meeting, Jackie Rowanly to highlight any urgent issues to directors. Jackie to send email to members for volunteers to do these inspections. Thanks to Jackie for co-ordinating this. ACTION JR

d. Directors to have conversation with Ben Spencer about training for updates to website and event calendar.

Meeting closed.