

Stroudwoodland AGM 19th March 2017

Present: Paul & Clare Sheridan, Adam Biscoe, Julia Wade, Lowenna Biscoe, Ruen Biscoe, Helen Keating, Jackie Rowanly, Nadine Smykatz-Kloss, Richard Keating, Andy Freeman, Mark Harrison, Ruth Davey, Barbara Imrie, Ruth Illingworth.

Apologies: Karen Bruff, Nigel Westaway, Seb Buckton, Gabriel Kaye, Ben Spencer.

Ruth Illingworth chaired meeting.

2. Minutes of last AGM agreed.

Matters arising from minutes,

-Richard Keating still looking into getting felled wood processed into planks. He will speak to Simon Penna about getting some trees felled in next couple of weeks that can be planked later. Members to think of other uses of felled wood as well as for firewood.

-Ruth Illingworth commented on success of Festival of Nature events.

3. Finance report.

Mark presented accounts and finance reports. Members contributions have risen this year for which we are grateful as they are important to help cover annual costs.

Mark also suggested we consider a revaluation of the wood and possibly offer more shares.

4. Exemption from auditing.

Proposed by Richard Keating, seconded by Barbara Imrie. It was agreed unanimously that we do not need to have the accounts audited professionally.

5. Election of Directors.

There were no nominations for new directors, all existing directors ok to continue and were duly elected to serve for another year.

6. Tree diseases

Richard Keating to look into suitable courses people can attend to find out more about tree diseases and their recognition.

7. Tree felling plan.

Discussion about future plan for woods, are all members aware there is a plan on the website. We need to do something about all the ash tree saplings coming up in the clearing and keep brambles under control in this area.

8. Inspection rota.

Jackie Rowanly was thanked for organising last years inspection rota. She has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the rota for the next year and will send out an email to members for volunteers for the monthly woods safety check. Typed up reports easier to read than handwritten for Jackie to read and

pass on to directors. Paul saves them into Follywood online folder and directors take action as required to address issues raised in the monthly reports.

9. AOB

i – core group meeting are arranged 3 to 4 times a year. They currently take place in the woods although other venues may be chosen. There was a discussion about these meetings and it was agreed that they should be renamed as members meetings to make them more accessible as they are open to all shareholders not just the directors. The date time and venue will be sent to all members via the email group when meetings arranged.

ii. Calendar bookings, There was a discussion about the labelling of events booked in the woods as private event didn't feel right. More specific description to be given.

lii. The woods should be booked in the calendar on the solstice and equinox's as an open event so that members can gather on these evenings. Clare Sheridan will organise an event on the 21st June.

iv. Best ways of communicating with members. Ruth Davey and Andy Freeman to look into setting up Facebook page for woods and other communication methods.

v. Parking – following a complaint by the tenant farmer regarding cars parked by the road near the bottom of the woods, Adam Biscoe volunteered to contact the farmer.

Ruth as chair thanked everyone for coming, Mark for doing the finances, Paul for taking minutes and Ruth for doing the Mindfulness photography session before the AGM.

Ruth thanked for chairing the meeting.

Meeting closed.