

Stroud Woodland AGM 24th March 2018

Present: Paul & Clare Sheridan, Nadine Smykatz-Kloss, Ruth Illingworth, Martin Large, Symon Doliczny, Melissa Roussopoulos, Michael Dannenberg

Apologies: Ben Spencer, Julia Wade, Mark Harrison, Jackie Rowanly, Andy Freedman, Richard and Helen Keating.

Ruth Illingworth chaired the meeting.

2. Minutes of 2017 AGM

Proposed as correct by Clare Sheridan, seconded by Martin Large and agreed by all.
No matters arising that are not covered below.

3. Finance report

Draft accounts were circulated before the meeting and the finance report discussed. The accounts were accepted by those present.

From Mark's report - If the Society wishes to carry out any developmental work in the wood we will need to raise more money, either from donations from the membership, or by other means. Martin Large suggested that we could apply for Awards for All grant funding to do projects in the woods. He will contact Clare at SVP to discuss. Possible projects include repair to dry stone walls, management of the glade that is getting covered by ash saplings and brambles to maximise wild flowers and biodiversity.

4. Exemption from auditing

Proposed by Nadine Smykatz-Kloss and seconded by Symon Doliczny. 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, Seb Buckton is standing down. All remaining directors were duly elected to serve for another year.

6. Secretary reported

The report was circulated before the meeting and was summarised at the meeting.

7. Discuss wood felling plan.

The plan is to remove many of the larch trees, They are quite densely packed so are difficult to fell without getting hung up. Last year Richard had tried to get hold of someone to plank felled trees without success. Michael knows someone who could do it, but the cost is £200 a day to produce 25mm thick by 4metre long planks. It would need more trees felled to make it worthwhile and ideally they would all be close together so the equipment doesn't have to be moved around between trees. Paul to draft email about this to be checked with directors and Michael then circulated to members to judge interest in buying the processed wood.

8. Inspection rota for next year.

Jackie has done a great job for the last 3 years co-ordinating this, but wishes to stand down from managing the inspection rota. Jackie has offered to organise next years rota. Nadine offered to take over managing the rota and will contact Jackie.

9. AOB

i Future dates for events on card sent to everyone that were labelled 'to be arranged'. Campfire cookery on Sunday 20th May. Katherine Hollowell to send out date for storytelling.

Martin thanked Ruth for chairing the meeting

Ruth thanked Michael for his work in the woods, Mark for the accounts and Paul for taking the minutes.

Meeting closed.