

Folly Wood AGM, 20 March 2022

Present: Dominique Shead (secretary), Mark Harrison (treasurer), Nick Mills, Richard Keating, Andy Freedman, Adam Biscoe, Tom Sykes, Simon Arundel, Perdita Dawson, Helen Nightingale

Apologies: Ruth Illingworth, Helen Keating, Gabriel Kay, Jack Richardson, Nadine Smykatz-Kloss, Jackie Rowanly, Julia Wade, Barbara Imrie, Ben Spencer, Beth Richardson, James Seigel, Zoe Bedford, Adrian Lawton, John McLellan, Frances Dathan, Magnus Taylor, Nigel Westaway, Martin Benson, Steve Naumann

Ruth Illingworth, chair of the directors, has Covid so the meeting was chaired by Folly Wood director Nick Mills.

Minutes of 2021 AGM

These were summarized and approved. The future plans and policies listed have all been completed.

Finance Report

The accounts were distributed in a previous email and were summarized by Mark. We currently have £6,118 in cash reserves – the increase due to the number of shareholders increasing from 65 to 70, plus the cost of a share rising from £500 to £600. Ruth and Dom will need to sign the accounts. HMRC has agreed to register us as a dormant company. We do not need to have the accounts audited, but the membership needs to agree to this: Mark proposed, Richard seconded, no objections. The meeting thanked Mark for his work as treasurer.

Secretary's Report

Dom read out her report. There were no questions. The meeting thanked her for her work.

Election of directors

At last year's AGM Ruth said that this year she wanted to step down as chair, having held the post for many years, and as no one put themselves forward to replace her, we (Mark, Dom, Ruth, Ben) will be checking whether it is possible to have a rotating chair to chair our quarterly meetings. Ruth will stay on as a director, and the other directors have also agreed to stay on. Tom Sykes and Nigel Westaway have agreed to become directors, increasing the number to eight.

Agreement to approve the new directors and research the rotating chair option was proposed by Dom, seconded by Andy.

The meeting thanked Ruth for all the work she's done over the past few years.

AOB

1. Mark is trying to contact Patrick Baldwin re felling. If there is no particular rush to fell the ash by the roadside, he might do it in July after the nesting season. Andy said he had been recommended a very good tree surgeon if we needed another quote.
2. Richard proposed that we consider some more milling if we are going to be felling more trees (ash, larch). Adrian Lawton has a mobile wood mizer, which could be of use and would be a cheaper option than trying to get the timber to a mill. Andy suggested setting up a Felling Group, who would feed info into the directors.