



The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Challock Village Hall on Monday 16th November 2015 at 7.00pm

Apologies Kate Harris Forestry Commission, Jon Shelton Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership

Presentation by Suzanne Kynaston, Wild Wood Trust

Suzanne illustrated her talk about the animals at the WWT with a power point presentation, answered questions and was warmly thanked for coming to our AGM.

Election of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Chairman: Diana Sawyer proposed by Wendy Hogg and seconded by Heather Standen.

Secretary: Volunteer still needed.

Treasurer: Heather Standen proposed by Diana Sawyer and seconded by Wendy Jolly.

Election/Nomination of other Committee Members

Wendy Hogg, Wendy Jolly, Monica Hope.

Representatives:- Forestry Commission - Kate Harris; Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (KSCP) - Jon Shelton.

Martin Hook agreed to receive membership renewals and update/circulate the group e-mails.

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Signed as a correct record, there being no matters arising.

Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman gave a sincere vote of thanks to all Walks & Events 2015 leaders and highlighted the exceptional happenings and sightings when the Friends were on these. The Friends had acted as the Contributing Third Party to a grant application, that Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership had made to Viridor, to repair the two leaking ponds in King's Wood.

The Friends' cheque for £1,096.44 had been sent to Viridor on the 11th November and the contractor was to make a site visit later in the week.

There had been a pleasing increase in numbers and a table showed 224 attendances at Walks & Events 2015; 60 memberships plus children; 304 free prizes given to children at local fetes and fairs; and 58 people had paid on the day.

The Friends' fete stall had become worn from usage, so the Chairman had approached Will Hirstle, Clarity Interpretation to design and print a new banner based on the art work from our Awards for All leaflet and pop-up. The banner was displayed to the meeting and met with enthusiasm.

The Chairman gave a huge vote of thanks to the Committee including Heather Standen - Treasurer, Wendy Hogg, Wendy Jolly, Kate Harris FC and Jon Shelton KSCP. Thanks also to Martin Hook for verifying membership renewals and sending out group e-mails; Simon Cavell our Website Manager and Chaverneys for auditing our accounts.

Treasurer's Report

The Friends' Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended the 31st August 2015 was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman thanked Heather Standen our Treasurer and RJ Davies FCA of Chaverneys for auditing the accounts which showed a modest decrease in funds of £36.82 after expenditure (including £177.60 for the new banner).



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2016 Walks & Events – New ideas/leaders welcome

Various ideas were suggested for the 2016 programme including:- Night walk; new walk guides; varying routes, and a series of Winter Warmer Walks on Sunday afternoons.

AOB - None

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