The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Challock Village Hall on Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.00pm

Apologies

Heather Standen, Jon Shelton, Jean McDermott, Linda Lea

Presentation by Stuart Sutton, Forestry Commission

Stuart gave an interesting talk on his work as a wildlife ranger for the Forestry Commission. His talk was illustrated with his own photographs. He talked about reintroducing the pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly to woods in East Sussex and Kent and about the deer in woods in his area including King's Wood. He also showed a collection of deer and other mammal skulls that he had collected as well as some bird wings.

Election of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Chairman: Diana Sawyer proposed by Wendy Hogg and seconded by Julie Hall. Secretary: Julie Hall proposed by Diana Sawyer and seconded by Angela Berry. Treasurer: Heather Standen proposed by Diana Sawyer and seconded by Julia Venn.

Election/Nomination of other Committee Members

Wendy Hogg.

Wendy Jolly retired from the committee and the chairman asked for volunteers to take over her role in publicity and as other committee members.

Martin Hook agreed to receive membership renewals and keep the group e-mails updated.

Minutes of the AGM held on the 21st November 2016

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

Chairman's Annual Report

The chairman thanked all the walks and events leaders, including Wendy, Jon, Elaine, Shirley and Caroline, Richard, Steve P, Teresa, Diane SVCP, Pete, Jason, Steve H, and Martin.

The chairman also thanked the committee including:- Heather Standen – Treasurer; Jules Hall – Secretary; Wendy Hogg; Wendy Jolly; Kate Harris FC and Jon Shelton KSCP. She also thanked Martin Hook for verifying membership renewals and sending out group emails, Simon Cavell for our website and Jean McDermott for alerting Radio Kent to our activities.

There were no large projects this year, but there were some new walk leaders. The walks had been well attended and the stalls at fayres had been successful.

Treasurer's Report

The Friends' Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended the 31st August 2017 was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman thanked BP Wilkinson, Chaverneys, for auditing our accounts which showed a decrease in funds, after expenditure. This was mainly due to a small increase in costs and a refund from the pond restoration in last year's income.

The chairman proposed increasing membership subs to \pounds 7 per person and \pounds 14 for a joint subscription, and \pounds 4 for pay on the day. After a short discussion this was passed after a show of hands.

2018 walks and events

The chairman asked for suggestions for new ideas for events.

King's Wood Country Quiz 2018

The chairman announced that the quiz would be on Saturday 10th March 2018 in Iron Room, Boughton Lees, TN25 4HP at 7.30pm.

AOB

None

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