



The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Challock Village Hall on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.00pm

Apologies

Heather Standen, Jon Shelton

Presentation by Nikki Gammons FRES, Short-haired bumblebee project

Nikki gave a very interesting presentation on the short-haired bumblebee reintroduction project. As well as telling us about all the different types of bumblebees, she explained how the short-haired bumblebee had become extinct in the UK and that queens were being reintroduced to Dungeness nature reserve in the hope that they would establish new colonies. We were left with an awareness of the importance of bumblebees to all our lives.

Election of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Chairman: Diana Sawyer proposed by Wendy Hogg and seconded by Sue Platt.

Secretary: Julie Hall proposed by Diana Sawyer and seconded by Angela Berrie.

Treasurer: Heather Standen proposed by Tessa Hammond and seconded by Jean McDermott

Election/Nomination of other Committee Members

Wendy Hogg nominated by Julie Hall and seconded by Rita Hawes.

Sue Platt offered to volunteer for various duties.

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

Minutes of the AGM held on the 20th November 2017

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, Jason, Pete, Teresa, Steve, Clare and Martin.

The chairman also thanked the committee including:- Heather Standen - Treasurer; Jules Hall - Secretary; Wendy Hogg - pond surveys; 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 Linda Lea for helping with the Friends' stall at Boughton Aluph Fete.

The weather this year including the "Beast from the East" and flooding had led to some events being cancelled but attendances remained buoyant.

Treasurer's Report

The Friends' Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended the 31st August 2018 was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman thanked BP Wilkinson, Chavereys, for auditing our accounts which showed an increase in funds, after expenditure. Five tawny owl boxes were purchased at a price of £50 each to be installed by December by Pete Findley. This was signed off by the chairman.

2019 walks and events

The chairman asked for suggestions for new ideas for events. Nikki Gammons offered to do a bee walk in July or August. An owl walk was also suggested.

King's Wood Country Quiz 2019

The chairman announced that the quiz would be on Saturday 9th March 2019 in Iron Room, Boughton Lees, TN25 4HP at 7.30pm.

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Jean McDermott thanked Diana for all she does for Kings Wood.

Kate Harris (FC) was to initiate a project to put an arboretum in Kings Wood to help people to identify trees in the forest.

KURG (Kent Underground Research Group) have been booked for next year's AGM.