



The Friends of King's Wood

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Challock Village Hall on Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.00pm

Apologies

Claire Sherwood, Barbara Martin

Presentation by Rod Legar, Kent Underground Research Group, "What's below our feet?"

Rod gave a very interesting and informative presentation about underground features found in Kent and King's Wood that spanned Medieval times through to the Cold War. Afterwards there was a lively question and answer session.

Election of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Chairman: Diana Sawyer proposed by Monica Hope and seconded Julie Hall.

Secretary: Julie Hall proposed by Diana Sawyer and seconded by Stuart Capel.

Treasurer: Heather Standen proposed by Julie Hall and seconded by Jean McDermott.

Election/Nomination of other Committee Members

Wendy Hogg nominated by Julie Hall.

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

Minutes of the AGM held on the 19th November 2018

There being no questions, the minutes were signed by Diana Sawyer, as a correct record.

Chairman's Annual Report

The chairman thanked Walks & Events leaders, including Wendy, Pete Burton, Elaine, Pete Findley, Richard, Jason, Teresa, Steve, Nikki, June, Jon KSCP, Clare, Martin and also the Committee for their continuing support ie. Heather Standen - Treasurer; Jules Hall - Secretary/website administrator; Wendy Hogg - pond surveys. She also thanked Martin Hook for verifying memberships and administering group emails; Simon Cavell for hosting our website; Joyce Perry for helping at Boughton Aluph Fete and Andrew Sellars, Chavereys for auditing our accounts.

Walks had been well attended with increased memberships and pay on the day.

The new walks - Meet the Ancestors and Making a Bee Line - had both been successful.

Treasurer's Report

The Friends' Income and Expenditure Account to the 31st August 2019 had been circulated with the agenda, and showed an increase in funds, after expenditure. The audited accounts were agreed, and there being no questions, signed off by the chairman.

2020 Walks and Events - new ideas/suggestions were welcomed.

King's Wood Country Quiz 2020

The chairman announced that the quiz would be on Saturday 7th March 2020 in Iron Room, Boughton Lees, TN25 4HP at 7.30pm.

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Stuart Capel proposed that family memberships be increased to £15 and pay on the day to £5. Wendy Hogg opposed the increase and backed by Rita Hawes. After a short discussion the chairman called for a vote on both proposals and memberships for 2020 remain unchanged.

Wendy had contacted Pete Findley, East Kent Wildlife Group (EKWG) about funding marsh tit nest boxes. Four Schwegler small hole woodcrete nest-boxes (26ea) were requested for Cutlers Wood, to enable marsh tits to nest above the blue tit population. Marsh tits were declining in Kent with KW population becoming more significant and deserving of protection. EKWG had identified two more tawny owl territories for nest-boxes (£50ea). It was agreed to fund all of these for £204 with Jane Hart and Monica Hope offering additional donations. Wendy pointed out that conservation projects for important populations of wildlife, such as these, was a good way of helping to preserve King's Wood as a haven for wildlife for the future and protecting against development by, for example, the leisure industry.

Joyce Perry thanked Diana for all she does for King's Wood and received a round of applause.

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