

Minutes of the AGM held at Forum, Forestdale at 8pm on 9th January 2012

PRESENT - Committee : Dawn Gibbons (retiring Chairman), Rob Turley (Vice-Chairman), Linda Lee (Treasurer), Linda Morris (Secretary), Heather Govier, Ted Forsyth, David Malins, Janet and John Bickerstaff. Also present were: Karl Harbour, Liz Phillips, Allan Bushnell, Jan Massen, Malcolm Steel, Richard Locke and Graham Jennings.

1. **Apologies for absence** were noted from Janet Nightingale, Sara Bashford, Pam Buttrey, Paul Shaw and Meike Weiser.
2. **Minutes of AGM held on 10th January 2011** were agreed unanimously as a correct record of that business, having been proposed by Heather Govier and seconded by Ted Forsyth.
3. **Matters arising** None
4. **Chairman's review of 2011**

Dawn's report had already been circulated to all Friends. At the meeting, she drew attention to the main events of the year – the walks, the work days, the Charcoal Burn and the Open Day and thanked all Friends who had worked with her in the past four years to make FSW such a success. She hoped to continue her association with the group although standing down as Chairman and that the group would continue to flourish.

5. **Treasurer's annual report**

Linda Lee tabled her report and a copy of the accounts for 2011. She thanked Alan Williams for acting as official scrutineer of the books and was pleased to advise he had found no errors.

The credit balance was now slightly less than shown in the balance sheet as she had since written cheques for payment of tools etc but it remains healthy: it should provide sufficient to be able to carry out various purchases required to fulfil the action plan being produced for the coming year. She emphasised however, the need to retain a certain amount to cover any emergency (unplanned) expenditure and for items such as insurance etc previously reimbursed through Council funds or grants in case financial restraints did not allow such assistance this year.

She suggested that, although the membership numbers are growing (currently around 70), it would be a good aim for all Friends to try to recruit at least one new member in the coming year.

Linda Morris proposed and Heather Govier seconded that the accounts as presented should be adopted. This was unanimously agreed.

6. **Election of Officers and committee**

Dawn thanked Heather for taking the reins for the last few meetings and proposed that she should now be formally elected as Chairman. Ted Forsyth seconded this and it was agreed unanimously. At this point, Linda Lee presented Dawn with a small gift from the committee to thank her for her work as Chairman.

The other officers and committee members indicated their willingness to take on their roles again for another year. There being no other Friends wishing to contest this, all were proposed, seconded and duly re-elected unanimously as follows:

Heather Govier – Chairman
Rob Turley – Vice Chairman
David Malins – Publicity co-ordinator
Janet Nightingale
John Zareba

Linda Morris - Secretary
Linda Lee - Treasurer
Ted Forsyth – Work day co-ordinator
Janet and John Bickerstaff
Dawn Gibbons

7. Subscription rate 2012 and 2013

Linda Lee confirmed the subscription rate of £5 for the present year and proposed that there was no real need to recommend at the meeting any increase in the subscription from January 2013. This was agreed by all those present.

8. Website (<http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk>)

Heather was thanked for all her work in setting up and maintaining such a good website in the last few months. She said that she hoped to continue to use this to publicise the group and to update Friends with latest meeting information etc.

9. AOB

a. Tools - Ted advised the meeting that he had now completed an inventory of the tools, which he had sent to the committee: the purchase price of the tools was considerable. This should be borne in mind when planning future expenditure, although the loss of items through theft had so far been adequately met by the insurers.

b. Information display – David had prepared a display for this meeting and he encouraged those present to look at this and note the dates of planned events for this year.

10. Dates of next meetings

- **Next AGM** - Monday 7th January 2013
- **Next committee meeting** (to which all other Friends are invited, as usual) - 30th January 2012

Both at 8pm in the Forestdale Forum.

The business meeting closed at 8.20pm and was then followed by an interesting and informative presentation by Malcolm Jennings on the Green spaces in Croydon. We discovered there were many more than we thought or that most of us had visited!

We are very grateful to Malcolm for his time and effort on bringing these to our attention and to Dawn for preparing a slide show to illustrate the activities of FSW during 2011.