

Friends of Selsdon Wood

Working to improve our wood



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Forum, Forestdale at 8pm on 27th March 2017

PRESENT - Heather Govier (Chairman), Ted Forsyth (Vice Chairman), Christian Kuepers (Acting Secretary), Sandra Crapper (Treasurer), Janet Nightingale, John Bickerstaff, Tony Flecchia, Sara Bashford, Neale Fox, Dawn Gibbons, June Harrington, Sharon Bennett, Celia Baughan, Jane Bell, Kathy Avery.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Linda Morris (Secretary), David Malins

2. **Minutes of AGM on 21st March 2016** – Agreed

3. **Matters arising** - Further to Item 8, the Museum key held by Croydon Council is now with Dean Miles, Facilities Operations Manager for LB Croydon.

4. **Election of Management Committee and Officers** – All incumbents had indicated they were willing to continue for another year. There were no additional nominations so they were unanimously re-elected.

5. **Report from the Chair**

Heather reviewed the report that she had circulated and posted on the website. It is appended to these minutes. She thanked all those who had participated in the various projects and events and who had supported FSW in many ways.

6. **Treasurer's report**

Sandra thanked Alan Williams for his help and scrutiny of the accounts for the year 2016. Copies were handed out at the meeting and are appended. The balance held at the end of the year had improved considerably from the previous year but there was potential expenditure which would reduce the balance to the £1.000 level considered necessary for unexpected expenses and / or grants which cannot be relied on from one year to the next. Gift Aid remains a valuable on-going resource with an expected income around £400 in the current year.

7. **Subscription level**

In view of the healthy reserves, it was agreed unanimously that the membership fee should be retained at £5.

8. **AOB**

- a) Heather Govier was thanked for the work she has done for the FSW in her role as Chair and website manager. She was also thanked for her daily litter-pick.
- b) Water levels in the newly lined pond and bird bath are still well below the maximum line. Both can be topped up from the mains when the stop cock in Vincent Avenue is opened. However, there does appear to be significant leakage from the pipe leading up from there so the stop cock needs to be generally kept shut. Water consumption will be monitored and ES Water might be persuaded to sponsor our pond and not charge for water, alternatively the Council may pay. If both fail, FSW might consider footing the bill. As a stand-by Tony Flecchia could provide 50-gallon tank to carry water to the pond. Rocks around the pond will either be cemented in or removed to avoid them being thrown into the pond and cracking the sealed base. Some level of sediment in the pond might also be tolerated to protect the seal.

9. **Date of next committee meeting** – Monday 24th April 8:00pm at the Forestdale Forum.