

Friends of Selsdon Wood

Working to improve our wood



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Forum, Forestdale at 8pm on 2nd March 2015

PRESENT - Officers: Heather Govier (Chair), Sandra Crapper (Treasurer)

Committee: Tony Flecchia, Neale Fox, David Malins, Janet Nightingale

Other Friends present: Richard Lock.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Ted Forsyth (Vice Chair), Linda Morris (Secretary), Sara Bashford, John & Janet Bickerstaff

2. **Minutes of AGM – 6th January 2014** – Agreed

3. **Election of FSW Officers (and management committee)**

The Chairman reported that she understood all the present officers and committee were willing to continue in post for the coming year. All were therefore unanimously re-elected.

Heather thanked the officers and committee for their support and hard work during the year and looked forward to continuing to work with them in 2015.

4. **Report from the Chair**

Heather had already circulated her annual report (appended) and this was also available on the website. She outlined various elements of FSW work during the year and thanked everyone who had contributed.

In discussion re item 1c David agreed to write an article describing the notice board refurbishment project for publication through the usual channels (Gazette, Link, FSW Newsletter). It was suggested that the article might also be submitted to the National Trust.

Re item 5e - It was suggested that in future charcoal should be priced at £5 per bag.

5. **Treasurer's report – Approval of 2013 accounts**

Sandra Crapper presented the accounts (appended) and her report for the FSW finances for 2014. The accounts had been independently scrutinised by Alan Williams and FSW thanks for his time doing this was recorded.

Re item 5 - Sandra clarified the use of the term "donation" instead of "sales" for items such as logs, charcoal and calendars. If we were to "sell" the items we would have to charge and administer VAT. Our status allows us instead to supply the goods in return for a donation.

Sandra was thanked for her excellent work in maintaining the financial records and the accounts were unanimously approved.

6. **Review of annual membership fee**

It was agreed there was no present need to raise the subscription fee in 2015. It would therefore remain at the 2014 rate of £5.

7. **Any other business**

a) We discussed our concerns about emergency response now that the dog team has gone and the Council help line operates only for 5 days a week 9am-5pm. David is seeking more clarification from the Council and may contact the Deputy Croydon Borough Commander to ensure the police know that the public will contact them directly with Selsdon Wood problems outside these hours.

b) All present thanked Heather Govier for the work she has done for the FSW over the year especially the website which is widely thought to be excellent.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.