

Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of SG&HCEG Wednesday February 22nd 2023 at 6.30 p.m. In Slaley Commemoration Hall

Present

Pat Wilson – Farming / protection of wildlife flora & fauna (Ladycross NR) PCs Litter / reduce plastic use.

Debra Taylor – Slaley Hall area, Slaley Councillor/ Village hall – quick win

Stella Douglas – Colpits area/Slaley Councillor/ Show/ Shop/ web site and community orchard.

Terry Douglas – Colpits/ Slaley shop – native trees hawthorn/rowan/ash. **TD Treasurer**

Peter Gill – Slaley Hall – community involvement/ stimulate a community effort

Karen Melvin – Ladycross Nature & Art - native trees at School

Anne & Christopher Porter – Hexhamshire (Chris - community orchard) **CP Chairman**

Joan Jewitt – Natural History & Ladycross NR

& Apologies.

Rosaleen Doonan – Village hall/shop/ musician/ Minsteracres - Raise awareness especially with young people

Carol Ferguson - renewable energy / energy efficiency & recycling

Lynda Sale – Hollie House, Dipton Foot –

Hilary Porteus – plant ecologist – has done many verge surveys in the region.

1. Annual report from retiring Chairman received and attached as appendix 1/AGM 22/2/23, page 75. CP wished to reiterate his thanks to everyone because the success of 2022 was a combined effort.
2. Annual report from retiring Treasurer received and attached as appendix 2/AGM 22/2/23, page 76. TD proposed that in light of the healthy bank balance the funds will cover the Hall hire charge for meetings. CP reminded the group-that the £312.82 is restricted for the verge project.
3. Annual report from retiring Secretary received and attached as appendix 3/AGM 22/2/23, page 77
4. Comments from Members
PG asked about St. Mary's Wildflower Meadow scything – what had been the feedback? PW reported that the PCC had been unhappy with the large heap of scythed vegetation and they had been forced to move it because of local funerals. A discussion followed about the future of the wildflower meadow especially with the increased number of graves in that section. AP talked of a scythe workshop at the end of August costing £350 for 12 delegates. AP hoped that it would be a sponsored event to keep delegate costs down to £10. It was agreed that KM would write to the PCC and ask what its plans were for the maintenance of the wildflower meadow going forward.
5. Election of Chairman: Christopher Porter was willing to stand again. Proposed by Debra Taylor. Seconded by Karen Melvin. There being no further proposals Christopher porter was duly appointed Chairman for the coming year.
6. Election of Treasurer: Terry Douglas would like someone to take over by AGM 2024. Proposed by Christopher Porter. Seconded by Peter Gill. There being no further proposals Terry Douglas was duly appointed Treasurer for the coming year.
7. Election of Secretary: Anne Porter was proposed by outgoing Secretary Pat Wilson. Seconded by Karen Melvin. There being no further proposals Anne Porter was duly

appointed Secretary for the coming year. Pat was thanked for her work as Secretary since the group was established in January 2020.

8. Agree a Vulnerable Persons Policy for 2023/24:

9. Agree an Equalities Policy for 2023/24: .

10. Agree a Risk Assessment template for 2023/24:

All three policies were proposed by Stella Douglas. Seconded by Joan Jewitt. There being no changes the Policies were adopted for the coming year.

Note: Due to the resignation of CEG's Chairman, Peter Topping, in January 2022, a new Chairman was appointed at the February 16th 2022 meeting. A full Second AGM did not take place during 2022.

How do you want to keep these signed minutes? Scanned and placed on web site? Stored as a hard copy Where? Does everyone know how to access CEG documents through the web site? **It was agreed that minutes would no longer be signed they would be accepted at the meeting and placed on the web site starting with those written today.**

This concluded the business of the third AGM. The time being 19.03.

Normal February meeting to follow