

The Friends of Littleheath Woods
Minutes of Committee Meeting of 1st February October 2022, 42 Farley Road

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Present: Ian Leggatt, Chris Hyde, Peter Underwood, Shirley Shepherd and Brian Stone.
Apologies: Sean Walsh.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting. 20th October 2021 - Agreed

3 Treasurer's Report.

Chris reported the current balance as £5,248.09. It was noted that Coronavirus and Lockdowns, and no AGMs, have prevented us being able to collect ad hoc subscriptions and donations however donations for logs and from supporters plus Easyfundraising have contributed to our healthy balance. It was noted that Croydon Council are unlikely to fund anything for the foreseeable (other than Public Liability insurance) and that we will soon have significant expenditure for Chainsaw re certification and 1st Aid Training.

4 Health & Safety.

Nothing to report. Chris advised that changes have been made to recommendations re Tetanus. It is now recommended that a Tetanus Booster is given every 10 years even if one has had 6 inoculations in ones lifetime.

5 Website / Facebook.

Continues to be maintained and updated on an ad hoc basis.

6 Membership

Noted that Coronavirus has impacted our income stream from membership, other than those renewing via Standing Order. It is hoped that holding our AGM will provide an opportunity to receive new subscriptions.

7 AGM

The Garden Room at St Johns Church has been booked: Wednesday 11th May 2022 from 7.30pm. AGM to commence at 8pm. Ian and Chris to visit room to review seating arrangements and directional signage requirements. Peter offered to prepare a short presentation for the evening.

8 Any Other Business:

- a) Shirley offered to provide a Flowers list for 2021 and to circulate the results of the Fungus Foray.
- b) Peter is looking to arrange 1st Aid training for Friends groups
- c) Chris reported that we had put up posters in Selsdon seeking new volunteers and subscribing members but had had nil response.
- d) Chris advised that Nick Shanks was supplying a large delivery of trees imminently which will need 'healing in' and planting up. To be factored in to a workparty soon. Discussion ensued regarding deer fencing stakes which hopefully can be sourced from TCV.
- e) Chris reported that she had met the new Elmhurst Forest School leader. To exchange emails.

Ian thanked Shirley for her hospitality. Mtg closed @ 20.45

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2022, same time and venue.