

Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
**THE FRIENDS OF LITTLEHEATH WOODS**

St Johns, Garden Room Suite , Selsdon,  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 8.00pm.

**Those Present:**

Chris & Adrian Hyde, Brian Stone, Shirley Shephard, , Malcolm Macleod, Kathy & Ian Leggatt, Chris Struthers, Mr A & Joyce Atkinson, Keith and Linda Sinclair, Valerie & Jeff Bayton, Martin Taylor, Cyril Watmore, Cllr Joseph Lee, Peter Underwood, John Gallagher, Richard Morley-Smith, Fiona and Marc Stas.

**Apologies for absence:**

Sean Walsh, Micky Wheeler, Frank Bellairs, Sheila Childs

**Item 1, Welcome.**

Ian Leggatt chaired the meeting. Ian thanked everyone for coming, and explained the agenda.

**Item 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

The adoption of the minutes of the 2022 AGM was proposed by Adrian Hyde, seconded by Martin Taylor and agreed by vote.

**Item 3, Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 4. Chairman's Report.**

Ian referred to his 2023 Newsletter which accompanied the invitation to the AGM.

**Item 5. Treasurers Report.**

Chris distributed copies and explained the accounts for year ending 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which showed we will carry forward a balance of £5,44139.. It was noted that whilst our Donations were significantly down on last year (due to reduced Log disposals) our Subscriptions were up. It was noted that Croydon Council had eventually refunded our Public Liability insurance premium cost leaving us to fund the remaining £270 costs of Tool and Personal Liability costs. The balance being carried forward was viewed as prudent financial management bearing in mind Croydon Council budgetary issues. The accounts were proposed for adoption by Peter Underwood, seconded by Kathy Leggatt and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to Jeff Bayton for his review of the accounts.

**Item 6. Election of Committee.**

Ian noted that our Constitution allows for 7 and up to 9 Committee members, including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Thus there were vacancies for three further Committee members. Ian reported that the current Committee were all willing to stand again. There were no nominations from the floor for their positions and their re-election was proposed by Keith Sinclair seconded by John Gallagher and carried unanimously. It was noted that Jeff Bayton and John Gallagher were willing to join the Committee. They were elected unanimously. Your committee comprises, Ian Leggatt (Chair) Chris Hyde (Treasurer), Brian Stone, Peter Underwood (Secretary), Sean Walsh, Shirley Shephard (Membership & Flora / Fauna Surveys), Jeff Bayton and John Gallagher. It was noted that Jeffs election to the Committee would preclude him from reviewing our accounts. An accounts reviewer would need to be sought.

**Item 7. Annual Subscription.**

It was suggested that this should remain at £5 per family per year. Proposed by Peter Underwood, seconded by Cyril Watmore, and agreed by vote.

**Item 8 AOB**

- a) Martin Taylor reported that he had replanted some home grown but indigenous Wood Sorrel from his garden into Littleheath Woods.
- b) The Butterfly Scrape in Fallen Oak Field was discussed.
- c) Ian recommended the Council app 'Love Clean Streets' which members of the public can use to record and report issues such as overflowing bins, non collection of refuse, blocked drains or fly-tipping directly to the Council. He explained that his experience of using the app was positive.
- d) Ian explained the fundraising tool that FoLW subscribe to: at no cost to the group Easyfundraising pay us a nominal percentage of online shopping carried out by our Friends who nominate The Friends of Littleheath Woods as their chosen beneficiary. At no cost to the purchaser typically 1 or 2% (dependent on retailer and purchase) of an online purchase is paid back to FoLW.
- e) Chris Hyde described our planned work regarding the control of invasive Holly, ponds and the Bog area
- f) Peter Underwood gave a short presentation on TCV (Trust for Conservation Volunteers) and their work.

**Item 9. Close**

Ian Leggatt again thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at approximately 8.45 pm.

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