

## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Held on 6 November 2011 at Evergreen Club, Allestree**

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ahmad Shayesteh, Peter Grundy, Ken Foster, Diana Hart and Malcolm Hart.

### **Minutes of last A.G.M.**

The minutes of last year's meeting were presented. It was noted that the date of the meeting was incorrect, 2009 rather than 2010. It was proposed and passed (Tony Lloyd, Marlene Whitfield) that these were a true record.

### **Matters arising**

None

### **Committee Report**

A handout was made available to all attendees; this contained

- The agenda
- Committee Report and Group Accounts
- Minutes of last year's AGM

### **Treasurers Report**

The audited accounts for the year 2010/2011 were presented.

It was sadly noted that Judy Grundy died recently, Kate Lee had taken over the Treasurers role. Diane Hart has offered to be Treasurer.

A proposal to accept the Annual Accounts and to appoint Barry Kelly as Auditor was proposed by Sue Lloyd and seconded by Marlene Whitfield.

### **Programme Secretary Report**

The weekend away in Cirencester was very successful, Marlene thanked the walks leader. Marie Kennedy has offered to take over as Programme Secretary for a couple of years.

The Chair expressed thanks for the work done by Marlene Whitfield over the last year and also thanked all walks leaders and those involved with the weekend away and the Nation Forest festival.

### **Footpath Secretary Report**

The footpath report was reviewed and discussed.

It was noted that Long Horse Bridge replacement is being reopened shortly, a celebration walk is being planned with Erewash Group. It was reported that a path past Anchor Church has been boarded which should greatly improve access.

Footpath wardens have again been involved this year in conducting surveys for DCC.

The Chair expressed thanks to David and all footpaths wardens for the work done over the last year.

Geoff Evens presented a paper on some options for footpath work in the future and put forward the motion "that the committee draw up new proposals for dealing with footpath work and be authorised

to implement new arrangements between now and the 2012 AGM. ” This proposed by Petra Hedges, seconded by Chris Vaughan, and carried

### **Membership Secretary Report**

There was discussion on the reduction of membership both locally and nationally. The use of flexi groups which don't need such a formal structure and shorter walks were also discussed as ways of attracting people.

Sallyanne Greenwood reported that despite a large amount of publicity for some events this year the only new people to attend had seen posters displayed in Allestree. There was some discussion on which types of publicity attract new members. Kate Lee proposed that a new post of Publicity Officer be created, this was approved by the meeting .

The Chair expressed thanks to Petra Hedges for the work done over the last year.

### **Chairs report**

The Chair highlighted a number of the items in the Committee Report. In particular the sad death of Keith Walkerdine and Judy Grundy.

### **Proposals**

It was proposed that we make donations of £50.00 to both the Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance. This was proposed by Ray Whitfield, seconded by Sallyanne Greenwood and was carried.

It was agreed to allow any Committee member be a representative to Area Council.

### **Election of Committee**

Both David Varley and Kate Lee expressed the view that they would be happy to serve on the committee for the next year but would then stand down.

The committee for 2011-2012 was proposed by Tony Lloyd and seconded by Angela Dunlop, the motion was carried

The Committee is as follows

- Chair – Kate Lee
- Secretary – Chris Vaughan
- Treasurer – Diane Hart
- Programme Secretary – Marie Kennedy
- Footpath Secretary – David Varley
- Membership Secretary – Petra Hedges
- Wednesday Group Rep – Ken Foster
- Publicity Officer - Sallyanne Greenwood
- Committee Member(s) – Sue Lloyd, Marlene Whitfield, Geoff Evens

### **AOB**

Sue Lloyd announced that a group meal would be held on 22 Jan 2012 at the Bluebell Pub near Tissington. It will be preceded by an 8 mile walk. See walks programme for further details.

The next Area AGM is being held at the Imperial Rooms, Matlock at 2pm on Saturday 14 January, Kate Ashbrook will be the speaker. The meeting will be preceded by an eight mile walk starting at 10am.

### **Post meeting**

After the meeting there was a showing of the BBC programme Tales from the National Parks – In the Peak District, film-maker Richard Macer follows the story of a campaign to stop 4x4 drivers and trail-bikers motoring along the local villages' green lanes.

## Attendance

The following people attended the meeting

- David Varley
- Kate Lee
- Chris Vaughan
- Patricia Vaughan
- Martin Pape
- Petra Hedges
- Ray Whitfield
- Marlene Whitfield
- Sue Lloyd
- Tony Lloyd
- Sallyanne Greenwood
- Kevin Noon
- Geoff Evens
- Ron Blanksby
- Rosemary Key
- Bob Lewin
- Theresa Wicks
- Anne Wigley
- Jan Tunstall
- Angela Dunlop
- Graham Holmes

