

Essex Wildlife Trust, Braintree Group

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St Andrews Church Hall, Halstead on 19th March 2019

Committee Members: Arleen Houlding - Chairman
Derek Chavner
Tracey Kay
Christine Burden
Julia Todd
Alice Tustian
Marion May

Also in attendance: 12 Braintree Group members and
3 non-members

1 Apologies for Absence

Brian Alderman

2 Minutes of the Last AGM

No errors were recorded. Martin Stallion proposed and Derek Chavner seconded that these be accepted. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising Not Covered by Other Agenda Items

There were none.

4 Chairman's Report

Arleen Houlding gave the Chairman's report. She advised that she will be standing down as Chairman and as a member of the Committee. Christine Burden proposed and Anne Brimlow seconded that this be accepted. The report was accepted. There were no questions regarding the report.

Arleen Houlding thanked Jane Giffould for acting as Newsletter Editor while there was a vacancy and welcomed Alice Tustian who has been co-opted onto the Committee as Newsletter Editor and Publicity Officer.

5 Treasurer's Report

Julia Todd presented the accounts for 2018. She advised that there had been a surplus of around £250 over the year and that all the events held during the year had shown a surplus. She advised that £600 has been set aside to pay for benches at Brookes Reserve when this payment is requested by Head Office.

Sheila Bearham proposed and Tracey Kay and Jane Giffould seconded that the accounts be accepted. The accounts were accepted.

6 Election of Committee Members

Arleen Houlding advised that a number of Committee members are due for re-election and are standing again. This includes: Christine Burden, Derek Chavner, Ian Hill, Tracey Kay who is standing again as Events Coordinator and Marion May who is standing again as Secretary.

Michael Hughes had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year as Magazine Distribution Coordinator. Marion May proposed and Arleen Houlding seconded that he be elected onto the Committee. This was agreed.

Alice Tustian had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year as Newsletter Editor and Publicity Officer. Marion May proposed and Arleen Houlding seconded that she be elected onto the Committee. This was agreed.

Thanks were given to Arleen Houlding for all that she had done during her time as Chairman.

7 Any Other Business

Arleen Houlding noted that Head Office had advised that Chelmsford Local Group are also looking for a new Chairman and new committee members and had suggested that the two local groups could be joined.

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