

Allington Hill Volunteers Annual General Meeting

Friday 11 March 2016

Cathy Harvey welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

1. Ian Rees, of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB) Team, told us about the Coopers Wood Management Plan.

2. Apologies received.

Roly Boughton, Paul Bowditch, Adam Sheering, Tim Smith, Alan Ashpool, Phil Lathey (Allington Parish Council), Tim Smith, John Hinsley, Joe Middleton (Woodland Trust), Pat North.

3. Minutes of 2015 AGM.

Acceptance of the minutes was agreed by all who had been present at the AGM.

4. Review of the events over the last year.

Cathy gave a brief review of everything which had happened over the past year in terms of events and working parties etc.

5. Treasurers report.

Sal Robinson gave a brief overview of the Summary of Accounts for 2015 – attached.

6. Acceptance of accounts.

Acceptance of the Accounts was agreed by a show of hands.

7. Election of Committee Members.

The following people had put themselves forward for election to the Committee:

Cathy Harvey, Sal Robinson, Paul Bowditch, Jo George, Deanne Trott, Kevin Trott, Tim Smith and Roly Boughton.

They were elected en-bloc by a show of hands.

The following positions on the Committee were agreed by a show of hands:

Chair	Cathy Harvey
Treasurer	Sal Robinson.

Committee members for other positions will be filled by the Committee as and when necessary.

Chris Toombs stood down from the Committee but is continuing as a volunteer and is joining Pat North as a Community Representative.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Chris in thanks for her work on the Committee.

8. Young Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Riley and Findley Leader are the Young Volunteers of the Year for 2015, together with their mum Sharon. The award will be presented on Sunday 13 March at the activity event on Coopers Field. Daisy Smith and Laura Trott will be presented with certificates in recognition of their volunteering.

9. Amendment to the Constitution.

The following amendment to the Constitution was agreed by those present:-

"No volunteer may directly or indirectly benefit financially from activities on Allington Hill / Coopers Wood and Field, without written permission from the Committee, and, in the case of Allington Hill, from the Woodland Trust, or in the case of Coopers Wood and Field, from Allington Parish Council."

10. Questions or comments from the floor.

None.

The meeting was followed by tea, coffee and homemade cakes and the Raffle was drawn.

Tate Gallery guide David Hutchison gave an illustrated talk on trees in art, which was much enjoyed by all, with lively audience participation!