

Monmouthshire GreenWeb

Annual General Meeting, Parva Vineyard, Tintern

5 June 2007

Present:

Dick Cole	Abergavenny Cycle Group
Jon Prince	Gwent Wildlife Trust
Rod Walters	Abergavenny and Crickhowell Friends of the Earth
Sue Torkington	Llanthony and District Gardening Club
Sue Parkinson	GreenWeb Coordinator

Apologies:

Colette Mooney, Dilys Howells, Simon James, Richard Mitchley, Richard Lewis, Janet Rawlings, Katrina Gass and Graham Harris

Note: It was subsequently realised that this meeting, held after the launch of our Green Directory, was not quorate. The Committee took the view that there was little prospect of convening a quorum on another occasion and that business should continue as agreed at this meeting.

Agenda item 1 – Welcome and apologies

Dick Cole welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted the apologies.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes if the AGM on the 28 September 2006

These were accepted as accurate.

Agenda item 3 – Matters Arising from previous AGM

- This timing of this AGM was closer to the end of the 2006/07 financial year.
- The Committee will have to consider a charging policy for Directory entries before 2008/09.
- The Committee had been preoccupied with preparing the Directory, but consideration will be given to a link on the GW site to an appropriate daily environmental news bulletin.
- It had been decided that Severn Bore timetables or a Green Auction facility were not priorities for the time being.

Agenda item 4 – Chairman's Report

Dick Cole referred to the Annual report for 2006/07 circulated prior to the meeting. He emphasised the survival of GreenWeb after a difficult transitional period, particularly welcoming the imminent financial arrangement with the Monmouthshire Environment Partnership Board. A period of consolidation now seemed possible. He also referred to the success of the day's launch of the Green Directory and paid particular tribute to the contributions of Kathy Ellaway and Jon Prince, as well as the funding organisations. Sue Parkinson had again been invaluable, as had been Colette Mooney as Secretary and others on the Committee, which would be sorry to lose Tudor Morgan. Accommodation for meetings at the GAVO office was much appreciated.

Agenda item 5 – Treasurer's Report

Jon Prince reported that, with careful management, a good response to subscriptions, a conference contract with the Environment Partnership Board and a considerable reduction in the Coordinator's

hours, the year had ended with a balance of £600. A further £1360 was committed to the costs of the Directory launch.

It was agreed that we should seek to reduce web site hosting and insurance costs in 2008.

The accounts for 2006/07 were accepted.

Agenda item 6 – Election of Chair and Treasurer

Rod Walters, seconded by Sue Torkington, proposed the re-election of the current officers. There were no other nominations either received prior to the meeting, or put forward during the AGM, and Dick Cole and Jon Prince were elected.

Agenda Item 7 – Election of Committee and Secretary

Sue Torkington, seconded by Dick Cole, proposed the re-election of the committee if they are prepared to continue. There were no other nominations either received prior to the meeting, or put forward during the AGM, and Maggie Biss, Henrietta Bramley and Rod Walters were elected. The Chair to contact Henrietta Bramley and seek new members via the web site Bulletin Board.

The County Council's Sustainable Communities Officer will continue her appointment as Secretary.

Agenda Item 8 – Appointment of Auditor and Banker

It was agreed to reaffirm HSBC as bankers. Mr. Keith Lewis would continue to audit the accounts.

Agenda Item 9 – Subscriptions

It was agreed that the Committee should consider whether to alter the subscription fee for 2008/09 having regard to the response in 2007/08.

Agenda item 10 – Discussion re future development of GreenWeb

- It was agreed that the emphasis in the coming year would be on consolidating current services, with web site improvements.
- There had been two responses to a search for volunteer help with web site management, which could be promising; a further Frontpage training session was needed.