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Gamlingay Environmental Action Group

Minutes For ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Gamlingay EcoHub, 21 January 2015

Meeting opened at 20:05.

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies: Bridget Mapperly, Mike Brettle, Julia Barker, Anna Mercer

2. **Minutes of previous AGM and Matters Arising**

Chris Barker proposed we accept the minutes. All approved.

3. **Annual reports from the officers of the committee**

Coordinator: Brycchan Carey

- Nearly 200 people are on the GEAG mailing list.
- Over the year we had speakers from Greenpeace, RSPB, Bridget Smith and Garden Cities.
- Monthly articles in the Gazette.
- Ran the Carbon Infrared thermal camera.
- Phase 2 of the EcoHub - construction shall start in the next 6 months.
- SPEP are trying to encourage other parishes to do what we are doing in Gamlingay.

Transport: Vacant

- Buses replaced with a dial for a ride system.
- There is now a bike bus between Cambridge and Gamlingay running at weekends so we need to encourage use.

Wildlife and Nature: Vacant

- Dora stood down over the year so vacancy on the committee.
- Extensive work in Gamlingay Woods for the past couple of months.

Planning and Development: Brycchan Carey

- Green End: A brownfield site though we need to follow plans closely as number of houses have increased and business units decreased.
- Draft Local Plan: Local authorities were required to come up with local plans. The draft local plan was rejected as it did not meet the target for new housing in

South Cambridgeshire. Until the draft local plan is approved any development can potentially go ahead. Sites under threat from development include the Lupin field, the land opposite the Lupin field and West Road.

- West Road: Trinity College have submitted a planning application for West Road through Endurance Estates. GEAG have agreed to challenge the application as it is unethical. Probably not much more we can do until we see the full plan.

Green Day: Emma Leaf-Grimshaw

- An excellent event, which used both halls but could have been better attended. There were just over 100 people but probably need to change the format so there will be something different this year. To be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Flamenco Evening on Friday 13th of March.

Carbon and Energy: Mike Brettle

- Covered above.

Cycling: Sarah Sanders

- 15 people turned out for the annual bike week cycle ride
- Met with PC Clerks and Sustrans to discuss the proposed cycle path. Attended a couple of Potton cycle path meetings. Joined site visit with Patrick Joyce, South Cambridgeshire cycling officer. The best option is to follow the road directly from Gamlingay to Potton. The issue is funds as it will cost around £1 million
- Bike bus - Cambridge, Barton, Wimpole Hall, Hatley and Gamlingay four times a day at weekends. Need to encourage people to use it because otherwise it will be withdrawn.
- Gill Kitchener - Organising sky rides. Linking routes to the bike bus.

Hatleys: Vacant

5. Treasurer's report on the audited accounts for the year

- Chris Barker audited the accounts.
- Carrying forward £729.07 into 2015 as we had made provision to cover the costs of Green day, which were paid by SPEP.
- John Mercer proposed we approve the accounts. Mark Leaf-Grimshaw seconded.

6. Proposals for amendment of the constitution

None were proposed.

7. Elected committee members for the forthcoming year

The following were reinstated:

Coordinator - Brycchan Carey

Treasurer - Peter Condon

Events - Emma Leaf-Grimshaw

Cycling - Sarah Sanders

Assistant Treasurer - Jennifer Docherty

Carbon and Energy - Mike & Vicky Brettle

Hatleys - Nicola Jenkins & John Lanchbury

Ordinary members - John Mercer & John Mossman & Chris Barker

Wildlife - Vacant

Social Media - Vacant

8. Appoint the auditor for the forthcoming year

Mark Leaf-Grimshaw

9. AOB