

Oxfordshire Weekend Walkers AGM Minutes

Date: 17/01/10

Time: 14:00

Location: Stanton St John Village Hall, Stanton St John, Oxfordshire

Former Committee members present: Judith Agnew, Vanessa Corrick, Ian Feetenby, Liz McGowan, Gavin Powell (chair), Alan Rew, Lorna Swanton, Steve Swanton, Jon Yeadon

Apologies: Sam Band

Gavin Powell thanked people for attending the AGM.

Minutes of previous meeting

No previous minutes as this is the first AGM as a separate entity from Oxon. 2030s group.

Existing committee members reports

Reports were given by Gavin Powell, Ian Feetenby, Sam Band, Lorna Swanton, Vanessa Corrick, Liz McGowan, Jon Yeadon. Where these were prepared electronically, copies will be kept.

Newly elected committee roles

Role	Person	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Gavin Powell	Julie Minch	Alan Rew
Secretary	Judith Agnew	Lorna Swanton	John Allen
Treasurer	Ian Feetenby	Vanessa Corrick	Kerry Forkner
Membership secretary	Sam Band	Judith Agnew	Devinder Sivia
Walks coordinator	Vanessa Corrick	Julie Minch	Liz McGowan
Website manager	Alan Rew	Gavin Powell	Liz McGowan
Social secretary	Liz McGowan	Lorna Swanton	Julie Minch
Representative on area committee	Gavin Powell	Gerry Barwell	Vanessa Corrick
Publicity	Carolyn Blackmore, Jillian Southwell	Kerry Forkner	Vanessa Corrick
Member without portfolio	Catherine Guiver, Julie Minch	Judith Agnew Gavin Powell	Liz McGowan Alan Rew
Footpaths officer	<i>Vacant</i>		

At the time of the meeting it wasn't known that John Waldram wished to stand down as Footpaths Officer, so no replacement was elected at the AGM.

All appointments were uncontested and so were voted in en-bloc.

Footpaths talk

Norman Smith of Bicester group gave a short informal talk on footpaths. He carries out much footpath work independently in the Bicester area. Paths typically need pruning 1 - 2 times per year. He initially walks all paths within a 5 mile radius of Bicester, carrying out pruning with secateurs. He reports problems to the County Council. He sees many positive results from these reports. After he has completed this area he goes out to a 10 mile radius. He describes his weapons as his boots, secateurs and pen!

AOB

Alice Marten of Oxon. 2030s group offered her congratulations on setting up a successful group.

There was some discussion about encouraging people to lead their first walk. Gavin plans to send out an e-mail to the group informing people when he is planning a reccie so that people can join him, especially those who would like to learn more about walk leading. Other committee members may do the same. It was also mentioned that committee members and other regular walkers are available to help with reccies.

The infrequent problem of arguments and heated discussions on walks was raised. Gavin asked that people don't get involved but report back to him and get the name of the person they were talking to if possible.

There was a reminder that if you can't lead a walk in the programme, a walk should still be lead from that place on that day. Contact Vanessa or Gavin as soon as possible after you realise you can't lead it. Either another WW member or someone from an area group will attempt to fill the gap.

The need for car-sharing was discussed. It is recommended that this is done where possible. Messages requesting/offering lifts can be posted on the message board and walk leaders may be able to coordinate lifts. The committee will discuss this issue.

It is planned to put all new members on the global e-mail list by default. There would be an option to be removed if they require this. Sam has contact details.

Date of next meeting

To be set after AGM.

Meeting closed at 15:00.