

Minutes of the CPRE London Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19 May 2016
at 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ at 18.15

1. Apologies: Apologies had been received from Kate Foster and David Tillett.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 4 June 2015

The minutes of the previous year's AGM had been distributed to members before the meeting began. The chairman asked whether there were amendments and none were suggested. The minutes were approved.

3. Executive Committee's Annual Report (John Croxen, Chair)

The Chairman remarked that the report had been included with the members' newsletter and additional copies were in the AGM participants' pack. He highlighted a few points from the report. He noted that lots of Green Belts areas are being lost and not many proposals to develop on the Green Belt are being called in by the Mayor. A partnership project was being delivered with the London Green Belt Council and CPRE Branches, by CPRE London. A digital map was being produced to show all the Green Belt threats in and around London. Around £11,000 had been raised towards protected green spaces work so far.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2015 (Kate Foster - not present)

The accounts for 2015 were made available at the start of the meeting. The Chairman asked if there were any questions and expressed a willingness to answer any questions after the meeting if anyone wished to. No issues were raised. Approval of the report was proposed by Steve Butters and seconded by Sally Mustoe.

5. Review of activities 2015 (Georgia Wrighton, Director)

The Director highlighted that the year had been a time of consolidation and growth. Important work had been done by volunteers including the mapping and she thanked the volunteers. The year had included a report on threats to the Arcadian Thames. Projects on the Green Belt had started well. A high profile event would be held later in 2016 to launch the joint London Green Belt Council and CPRE Branches project report.

Work had been done to raise issues with the Mayoral candidates and this had gone well with a mixture of urban and green "asks" put forward. The work of Alice Roberts, Green Spaces Officer for London CPRE, was acknowledged for her work on the map and also in raising the branch's profile in the media.

Work over the summer will include discussions with branches around London over Green Belt threats and also there will be work on trying to ensure new housing developments have green spaces. A Citizen's Toolkit on how to deal with development threats is being produced. A possible Parks for London (PFL) project was being discussed by groups including London CPRE.

6. Election of trustees and honorary officers

All current trustees except two, Steve Butters and Abigail Batchelor, had been re-nominated for election. John Croxen paid tribute to the contribution of Steve Butters who had also held the post of honorary secretary. Elections were conducted for the chairman,

the other honorary officers, and for ordinary trustees. For the (re-)election of the chairman Elizabeth Silver took the chair. John Croxen was proposed by Carol Hamcke-Onstwedder seconded by Cynthia Jenkins. Two new trustees Susan Crabtree and Victoria Crawford had been proposed. This was on the understanding that on election Kate would be appointed to the role of Honorary Treasurer, to which there was no objection. Outcomes of the elections (none of which was contested, with proposers and seconders shown) were as follows.

Chairman John Croxen (proposed: C. Hamcke-Onstwedder, seconded: C. Jenkins)

Vice chair A Carol Hamcke-Onstwedder (J. Croxen, S. Eminton)

Vice-chair B Elizabeth Silver (C. Jenkins, C. Hamcke-Onstwedder)

Treasurer Kate Foster (S. Crabtree, M. Carruthers)

Secretary Steve Eminton (C. Hamcke-Onstwedder, S. Butters)

Trustee Cynthia Jenkins (E. Silver, S. Eminton)

Trustee Dianne Kennard (C. Jenkins, C. Hamcke-Onstwedder)

Trustee Susan Crabtree (C. Hamcke-Onstwedder, John Gilbert)

Trustee Victoria Crawford (C. Hamcke-Onstwedder, M. Carruthers)

Donald Mitchell's appointment as vice-president for another year was endorsed.

7. Appointment of independent assessor

David Tillett was thanked for his work as our independent assessor. Carol Hamcke-Onstwedder advised that he was willing to do this in respect of the next year's accounts. His re-appointment to this unpaid role was proposed by Steve Butters, seconded by Carol Hamcke-Onstwedder and seconded by S. Eminton, and agreed by the meeting.

8. Other business

No issues were raised. A presentation of an antique map of London and the CPRE 90th anniversary book '22 ideas that saved the countryside' was made to Steve Butters in recognition of his work for the Branch. Thanks to Steve were given by the Chairman.

9. Date of AGM in 2017

The Chairman said that no date had yet been confirmed and members would be advised of the date when agreed.

10. End of meeting

The meeting closed at 18.40. It was followed by a presentation on "What nature could do for London" from Tony Juniper, environmentalist and sustainability adviser.