

WESTCOMBE SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting 2023

Held at 7.00pm on Friday 24th May 2024 in the Centenary Room, Blackheath High School

MINUTES

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Report from the Chair

(See report)

3. Report from Events Sub-Committee (See report)

4. Report from Environment Sub-Committee (See report)

5. Report on Westcombe News (see report)

6. Membership Report

There were 70 life members and 201 general members making a total of 271. 18 new members had joined during the year consisting of one new life member and 17 new annual members. 24 members had not paid and their membership would lapse.

7. Treasurer's Report and presentation of the audited statement of accounts for the year ending 31/3/2021

See report and statement of accounts.

Maureen Aune queried why the payment for insurance was not shown for the 23/24 year and what the insurance covered. Miles explained that the payment time had changed and that the insurance was for the society's events.

Annie Hart questioned why we did not collect gift aid, it was noted by Emily Norton that we would need to register as a charity to do this and Miles noted that the amount raised would not be significant.

8. Election of Officers

All officers would stand again apart from Jane Wilson as secretary. Andrew Graham had agreed to take on this role. Geoff noted that the role of vice chair was vacant. The existing officers and Andrew and were elected (proposed by Nigel Duncan, seconded by Shirley Gibbs).

9. Any Other Business

Jean-Jacques Aune proposed that AFRIL (Action for Refugees in Lewisham) be the Charity of the Year. He noted that they cover Southwark and Greenwich as well as Lewisham and that the contribution would go to a Saturday club for children to support them with English and sport. It would attract match funding. Sophie Wickham of AFRIL would report back at the next AGM on work of the charity. It was agreed that £1,000 would be donated.

Annie Hart queried Greenwich Council's policy on traffic restrictions and Geoff gave the background to the proposed LTN in Westcombe Park noting that any decision would now be delayed due to the general election.

Geoff thanked Jane and presented her with gifts in acknowledgement of her contribution to the society over 10 years as Secretary.

The meeting was followed by an illustrated talk by Joe Beale on improving biodiversity at Vanbrugh Pits.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.