

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING BY ZOOM 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

### HOSTED BY CHARLIE BELL

**APOLOGIES;** Pat Stokes Smith, Leo Smith and John Arnfield, John Baines

**PRESENT:** Isabel and Mike Carter, Steve Butler, Charlie Bell, Heather Hathaway John Bacon, Geoff Taylor, Janet Martin, Stephen Cox, Steve Rooney, Will Priestley, Julie Cowley, Penny Bienz, Frances, Raelene Edwards, John Bent, Caroline Uff

**Welcome and Chair's Report** given by Stephen Butler during which he explained how the meeting would be organised and pointed out that a recording was being made of the meeting and attendees could switch off their video if they did not want to appear. Questions could be asked via the chatline, fielded by Isabel

**Minutes** of the last APM had been circulated and were taken as read. There were no matters arising.

**Treasurer's Report** Will Priestley presented the accounts as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Please see attached. There were no questions and the report was accepted.

**Stepping Stones Update.** Charlie Bell reported on a very strange year which had severely curtailed planned activities, but hopefully with restrictions being lifted, projects can be re-arranged.

**Project Reports.** For full details all the reports can be accessed in the Annual Report of the Strettons Area Community Wildlife Group 2020 using:

[www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group](http://www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group)

Stretton Wetlands by Isabel Carter

Crayfish by Stephen Butler

Swifts by Julie Cowley

Butterflies by Heather Hathaway

Stretton Meadow Group by John Bacon

Lapwing and Curlew presented by Charlie in Leo Smith's absence

Dipper Project presented by Charlie in Leo's absence

Red Grouse presented by Charlie in Leo's absence

Botanical Survey by Mike Carter

**New Projects** All the projects listed above will continue and all the survey leaders expressed the need for more volunteers to help with the continuing work to record the natural history in the Strettons. Please use the website to volunteer.

Caroline Uff offered to expand the search for Hazelnut Dormice

Sandra Whitlock will resume her bi-annual recording of Hedgehogs

Penny Bienz has had to allow the expansion of planting trees to lie dormant until life returns to normal, owing to the pressure of work and home schooling.

**Election of Officers;** all the committee members were prepared to stand again. There are vacancies on the committee and Steve asked the attendees if anyone would like to

join the committee. There were no volunteers. Mike Carter proposed and was seconded by Janet Martin that the committee should be re-elected en bloc. Charlie enabled an online vote which was unanimously in favour.

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Stephen Butler</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Heather Hathaway</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Will Priestley</b>
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	<b>Penny Bienz</b>
<b>Website and Mailing list manager</b>	<b>John Baines</b>
<b>Annual Report officer ex-officio</b>	<b>Charlie Bell</b>
<b>Committee members</b>	<b>John Bacon</b>
	<b>Isabel Carter Facebook for SACWG</b>
	<b>Leo Smith</b>

**AOB** There were no other matters raised

**Projects Sign-Up** Steve encouraged all the members to sign up for the surveys by accessing the website

A recording of the meeting can be accessed on Middle Marches Community Land Trust channel:

**<https://youtu.be/zMTBZXvwlTo>**