

**Minutes of Annual Public Meeting of Stretton Area Community Wildlife Group  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 7.30 in All Stretton Village Hall**

- 1 Apologies; Julie Cowley, John Arnfield, John Bacon, Janet Martin, Penny Bienz, Sandra Whitlock, Lynn Ross, Rosie Faulkner
  - 2 25 Attendees, although only 20 signed in
  - 3 Chairman's Report: Steve Butler gave a short report congratulating everyone on continuing to monitor our beautiful environment. In resigning as chairman he thanked the committee for their support over six years.
  - 4 Amendment to constitution: The meeting was requested to amend the constitution to change SACWG's financial accounting year from the Local Authority year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) as used at present to the calendar year (ie 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023) with immediate effect. This current year's accounts will therefore just cover 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. This will enable the treasurer to publish only one set of accounts. A vote was taken to approve the change. The large majority voted in favour, one vote against. The motion was carried.
  - 5 Treasurers Report: Will Priestley presented the accounts. He encouraged the members to support the raffle and make donations as the sum of available money in the account was low. There were no questions. Mike Carter proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded by John Clarke and approved unanimously.
  - 6 Election of Officers: Steve Butler resigned as chairman and Heather Hathaway as secretary. Isabel Carter was elected Chair and Julie Cowley as Secretary unopposed. The remaining committee were elected en bloc:
    - Chair Isabel Carter and Twitter manager
    - Secretary Julie Cowley
    - Treasurer Will Priestley
    - Publicity Officer Penny Bienz
    - Website and Mailing List Manager John Baines
    - Annual Report officer ex officio Charlie Bell
    - Committee members: John Bacon , Leo Smith
- New members were encouraged to join the committee
- 7 Stepping Stones: Charlie Bell, National Trust, explained the purpose of Stepping Stones and the Green Recovery award
  - 8 Project Reports; There followed a presentation of all the surveys that had been carried out in 2021:
    - Stretton Wetlands
    - Swifts
    - Butterflies
    - Stretton Meadow Group
    - Lapwing and Curlew
    - Dipper
    - Red Grouse
    - Dormice
    - Botanical

Details were also given of Training Days in 2022 which are being supported by Stepping Stones. In all cases members were encouraged to sign up if they were interested in any of the surveys. The full reports can be seen in the Annual Report which can be accessed on [www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group](http://www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group)

There being no other business, the meeting closed, followed by the opportunity for drinks and snacks and claiming of raffle prizes. We are grateful to John Thomas Florist for a generous prize.