



STRETTONS AREA COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15/3/2023

Present: Committee - Isabel Carter, Chair (IC), Will Priestley, Treasurer (WP), Julie Cowley, Secretary (JC), Penny Bienz, Publicity Officer (PB), Caroline Uff (CU), Steve Butler (SB), Leo Smith (LS). Project lead Sandra Whitlock

Apologies: Committee - Charlie Bell (CB), John Bacon (JB), John Baines (JBa)

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the last Annual Public Meeting 1/3/2022 were Proposed (Sandra Whitlock) and Seconded (John Clarke).
2. CHAIR'S REPORT
Matters from the Chair's report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Chair commemorated Heather Hathaway and introduced the butterfly trail and sign board that is being installed in Batch Valley in Heather's honourThe financial support from Stepping Stones and the Green Recovery Fund over the past three years was acknowledged. Gratitude for these funding streams enabling the purchasing of equipment and for carrying out conservation work was expressed by the ChairThe Website upgrade is complete and Mailchimp will be fully up and running shortlyMore committee members to the group would be an asset and the audience was invited to sign up to the committeeThe Nature in the Strettons exhibition was creditedA nature week prior to the Fun Day (1/7/2023) was promotedA Dawn Chorus walk on 12/4/2023 was also promoted.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
The Accounts were presented by the Treasurer and were Approved (Leo Smith) and Seconded (Mike Carter).
4. PROJECT REPORTS
Project leads presented their reports for 2022. Projects presented: Botanical surveys, Butterfly surveys, Crayfish surveys, Curlew and Lapwing surveys, Dormice conservation, Stretton Wetlands, Stepping Stones, Swifts in the Strettons, Red Grouse survey, Dipper project
5. NEW PROJECTS
Julie Cowley proposed two new projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bats in the Strettons – summer and autumn surveys to detect roost sitesStretton streams – fish rescue project during prolong dry weather The projects were adopted unanimously
Chris Naylor proposed a new project on behalf of Janet Cobb surveying for glow-worm. The Chair advised that Janet should put forward a project proposal for the group to consider
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
The Committee was re-elected en-block unanimously.
7. AOB
The meeting was closed with an invitation to stay for refreshments and the raffle was drawn. Project sign up was also encouraged.