FRIENDS OF KNOLLS WOOD

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 14 June 2022

1	PRESENT Clive Atkins (Chair), Roger Seldon (Treasurer), Diane Liness (Secretary), Fiona Shillitto (Social Media), Jack Owens, Jenny Monk, Martin Purvis. Jen Curtis (Greensand Trust) and John Creasey (Central Beds Council).	ACTIONS
2	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Mick Hewett.	
3	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM MEETING The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021 were reviewed and formally accepted. Matters arising Clive suggested advertising next year's AGM meeting on our website or in a newsletter in a bid to increase attendance numbers and re-energise the meeting.	Clive/ Fiona
4	REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Clive Atkins submitted the following report: FOKW Objectives – these were discussed briefly. We will be posting other information as well as documents Fiona had found from her work on the FOKW history on the website.	Clive / Fiona

5	REPORT FROM THE TREASURER	
	Roger Seldon would email a copy of the financial summary to the Committee.	Roger
	He submitted the following report:	
	The Nationwide bank balance currently stood at £642.	
	 Income during the past twelve months amounted to £1,400 which included the £350 	
	Waitrose grant, a number of tree planting grants and £50 from Fiona's well received talk	
	to the Leighton Ladies that Lunch.	
	• Spend over the past twelve months amounted to approximately £1,000 on trees for	
	Phase 1 of the Central Beds Council's grant and £150 on website maintenance.	
	Fiona had recently submitted a strong application for the Co-op Local Community Fund	
	grant with the outcome due around October.	
	Roger had conducted a tour of Knolls Wood for 9 Greensand Trust Volunteers on 9 June,	
	where it was mentioned that Luton Airport ran a Community Trust Fund which awarded	
	annual grants to local charities, non-profit organisations and community groups. The	
	grants totalled £150,000 for projects which needed a financial boost in the Central Beds	
	area and was managed by the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation.	
	Application forms were available on their website which required supporting	Roger
	documents.	
	It was noted that we could tap into the Waitrose scheme every third year as well as	
	applying for the Town Council grant.	
	Clive said this had been an excellent year for access to tree planting grants and	
	community funds due to the Queen's Jubilee green canopy scheme and the increasing	
	importance of climate change.	
	Watering newly planted trees in the wood was discussed at length including the	
	possibility of providing a storage tank either underground or overground rather than	
	manually filling up and transporting containers as we did at present. It was suggested	
	that watering newly planted trees could either be part of a community fund project or a	
	Volunteering session.	
	John Creasey noted that watering was a general problem and suggested writing to	
	Leighton Golf Club to see if we could tap into their watering system due to the pipework	
	being in such close proximity to the Wood.	
	Martin would find a contact at the Golf Club.	
	Roger had recently received a letter from Nationwide advising that they were closing all	
	Treasurers' bank accounts and asking us to remove our balance within 4 weeks. He had	Martin
	spoken to alternative banks which seemed to hold the same view but had now	
	contacted the Co-op where we still held an account with a nil balance. They had	
	promised to send some paperwork through which had not yet been received and he	
	confirmed that any future cheques made out to the FOKW could be paid into this	
	account via the Post Office.	
6	REPORT FROM THE GREENSAND TRUST AND CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL	
	Jenny Curtis and John Creasey submitted the following report:	
	There had been no major problems or incidents to report.	
	The amount of litter in the Wood had noticeably reduced since last year.	
	John confirmed that a tree surgeon was due to look around the Wood, particularly at	
	broken branches of trees including the Sweet Chestnuts and felled trees including 4 or 5	
	Scots Pines. They were trying to find out the cause of the problem with Scots Pine which	
	seemed to be affecting the whole area.	
	John and Jen would arrange a walk around the Wood to identify winter work.	Jen/John

 Jenny Monk confirmed her resignation from the Committee with effect from this meeting. Mick Hewett confirmed his resignation from the Committee with effect from this meeting. All other Committee Members confirmed that they were willing to continue in their current roles including Clive Atkins – Chair (proposed by Jenny M and seconded by Jack), Roger Seldon – Treasurer (proposed by Clive and seconded by Fiona) and Diane Liness – Secretary (proposed by Clive and seconded by Martin).	7	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2022-2023	
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