

## **LDWA London Annual General Meeting 2018 Minutes**

Thursday 8th March, 2018, 6:30 pm: King and Queen pub, 1 Foley St, W1W 6DL

### **Attendance**

Peter Aylmer (Chair), Adam Dawson, Pete Colley, Gordon Parker, Julie Welch, Cathy Phillips, Keith Lane, Lonica Vanclay, Marie Heracleous, Marita Saunders, Chris Ketteringham, Paula Backton, Rod Smith, Pete Buffham, George Johns, Ron Williamson, Dave Williams, Ken Fancett, Jean O'Reilly, Paul Tilley, Susanne Waldschmidt, Emma McCormick, Colin Saunders.

Apologies from: Jeff Golland, Paul Lawrence, and Steve Garnsey.

### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Meeting approved minutes of last meeting: proposed by Lonica; Rod seconded.

Silk River: Gordon tabled a report on Silk River by Kinetika – the company that organised the event and was founded by LDWA member Ali Pretty. LDWA's involvement, individually and collectively, was appreciated.

New LDWA clothing is now available.

### **2. Treasurer's report: LDWAL18-16; LDWAL18-13**

Meeting approved Treasurer's report for 2017 and tentative plans for 2018: proposed by Dave and seconded by Cathy.

Ron was appointed retrospectively as independent advisor for the 2017-18 accounts and prospectively for the 2018-19 accounts.

There was a surplus for first time in three years due to 2 challenge events. This year's Capital Challenge is on track to be double the size of last year.

Membership numbers are steady.

### **3. Approval of Refunds Policy: LDWAL18-12**

Meeting agreed the refunds policy, which was introduced by Pete and Gordon.

### **4. Walk Secretary's report: LDWAL18-15**

Meeting applauded Adam for his three years' excellent work as walks secretary.

2017 saw a possibly record number of social walks; partly because of the expansion in pop-up walks, led by Ron and others.

### **5. Capital Challenge and Founders' Challenge: LDWAL18-11**

Meeting thanked Gordon for organising the challenge events. Jean O'Reilly would be helping Gordon on the 2018 Capital Challenge.

### **6. Web report: LDWAL18-14**

Thanks to Keith for hard work behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed.

Committee agreed to consider a suggestion that walk reports should be posted on Facebook.

The meeting noted that the photo on the London Group web page showed LDWA members walking through a field of plants and not following a footpath. Farmers complain about this so perhaps the photo should be changed.

## 7. Election of Committee

Adam took the chair for this. The meeting appointed the following committee members unopposed:

Position	Appointment	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Peter Aylmer	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Treasurer	Pete Colley	Jeff Golland	Gordon Parker
Web master	Keith Lane	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Walks secretary	Marie Heracleous	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Weekly newsletter	Julie Welch	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Co-secretary	Cathy Phillips	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Co-secretary	Jeff Golland	Pete Colley	Gordon Parker
Challenge events	Gordon Parker	Pete Colley	Jeff Golland

Peter gave notice that this would be the third and final year of his chairship, and that Gordon was now heading into his fourth year as challenge co-ordinator. It was important that successors to both be found in time for the next AGM.

## 8. Survey of Members

Pete introduced: work was in hand by Pete and Keith with regular discussion at Committee to ensure the survey is comprehensive, useful and does no harm.

The meeting noted that data protection requirements are being taken into account.

## 9. Motions from members: none received

## 10. Books Auction of books

Peter Charlton's collection of Wainwright guides was sold to Peter Aylmer for £45. This sum would be donated via the venue to Macmillan Nurses, in lieu of a hire charge for the room.

## 11. AOB:

Lonica proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.