

South Downs Land Management Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19th June, 2013

at Coombes Barn, Church Farm, Lancing, West Sussex

Present:

EC Members:

Mike Tristram (Chairman)
James Cooper (Vice Chairman)
David Taylor (Vice Chairman)
Nigel Clutton
Chris Passmore
Simon Ward
Sabrina Harcourt-Smith

EC Members' Apologies:

William Wolmer (Secretary)
James Youatt
Rem Moser
Jonny Morris
Andrew Thomas

20 SDLMG members were present for the AGM. 16 apologies were received.

Mr Mike Tristram (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the 4th SDLMG AGM and thanked them for coming. He also thanked our hosts, Trevor and Jenny Passmore for hosting the meeting.

1. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Annual Report had previously been circulated to the membership. The main points are:

(a) Management Plan

A lot of work from the Executive Committee has been undertaken in the last year to help produce the draft Management Plan. This has included taking part in workshops, on-line consultations, liaison meetings and Partnership meetings with the National Park Authority (NPA). Mr Tristram thanked everyone who had been involved. The NPA need to liaise with SDLMG to get the Management Plan right. As a direct result of our involvement, changes and improvements have been made, but there is still a lot of work to do.

(b) Funding and Incentives

It is hoped that the NPA will bring more money into the Park for our businesses without impinging on them. The Sustainable Communities Fund and the Nature Improvement Area scheme only delivered to a degree what we might have hoped for. The NPA's marketing of the funds had not made them fully accessible to everyone. We will be looking at having an EC member responsible for funding and to liaise directly with the NPA. If anyone is interested in this post, please could they let Mike Tristram know.

ACTION : Membership

Mr Tristram again thanked everyone for their hard work in attending meetings etc. over the past year.

2. **Minutes of AGM 27th June, 2012**

These were approved by James Cooper and seconded by Nigel Clutton as a true record of the meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

This was previously circulated with the Chairman's Report. We are continuing to do well, and we have received our annual grant of £2,500 from the NPA towards our administration costs. A proportion of the reserves will be used to expand the membership. We would like to attract people more widely in business e.g. contractors\forestry contractors. Our membership currently stands at approximately 230, and if we are to continue to be a voice for people deriving their income from the National Park we need to have more. This matter will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

ACTION : Executive Committee

David Taylor proposed the Treasurer's Report, which was duly approved.

4. **Election of Executive Committee**

The following members have confirmed their willingness to stand for the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Mike Tristram	William Wolmer	James Cooper
David Taylor	Nigel Clutton	Christopher Passmore
James Youatt	Remony Moser	Sabrina Harcourt-Smith
David Ashcroft	Jonny Morris	Simon Ward
Andrew Thomas		

Proposer:	Carola Godman-Irvine
Seconder:	Mark Lee

The election of the Executive Committee was confirmed.

5. **Election of Officers**

The following Officers had agreed to stand for re-election:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mike Tristram
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	James Cooper
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	David Taylor
<i>Secretary</i>	William Wolmer

The re-appointment of the Officers was approved by the members.

6. **Any Other Business**

None.

Mr Tristram closed the meeting, and thanked everyone for coming. David Taylor wanted to record everyone's thanks to Mike Tristram for all of his hard work for SDLMG, especially during a particularly difficult time for him.