

Minutes of GREN AGM 2016 - held on 28th November 2016

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Apologies:

Peter Chan welcomed members to the meeting.

Meeting was quorate with eight members present:

GREN Committee members: Peter Chan (PC) (Chair); John Booth (JB) (Secretary); Tricia Marcouse (TM); Will Alliston (WA).

GREN Members: Michael Bright; Graham Bates; John Oversby; Enrico Petrucco

Apologies: Tony Cowling (Treasurer); Tanja Rebel (GREN Committee member); Jackie Oversby; Chris Burden.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Actions:

Minutes: Minutes of last AGM held on 25th November 2015

<http://www.gren.org.uk/resources/151125GRENAGMMinutesv1.pdf> were agreed.

Actions: JB said actions from last AGM were all complete except:

- Calendar function to be visible on website for long-term planning – had been raised with loud'n'clear but had not been resolved.

3. Chair's annual report

PC said that activities had included:

- 2016 Hustings,
- Nine 'Reading Climate Forum' meetings funded by RCCP
- Three Members' Meetings
- One AGM
- This evening's meeting on Air Quality
- Presence at Green Fest and Town Meal
- Representatives on RCCP and Reading Cycle Forum
- Campaign to keep RBC Sustainability Manager in post with some success
- Website and Facebook well-used

4. Treasurer report on finances

JB presented Tony Cowling's report:

"Our opening balance at the bank was £213.64 and we paid £142.25 to Tony in May to reimburse his expenses to that date, thus the closing bank balance was £71.39

"We have had a series of meetings since May which leave us with an outstanding petty cash account due to John of £20 and to Tony of £225.19, this will be more than covered by the monies that are due from RCCP to pay for Reading Climate Forum meetings. The outstanding balance will be cleared and shown in the accounts for next year."

5. Elect new Committee including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

- Peter Chan was re-elected Chair
- Will Alliston was elected Secretary
- Tony Cowling was re-elected Treasurer
- Tanja Rebel and Tricia Marcouse were re-elected as Committee members
- Enrico Petrucco was elected as a Committee member.

6. Elect GREN representatives on other bodies.

- Tricia Marcouse was elected to represent GREN on Reading Climate Change Partnership (RCCP). It was agreed that Will Alliston could deputise for her if she was unable to attend the meetings.
- Tanja Rebel and Pete Chan were elected as joint representatives on Reading Cycle Forum.

7. A.O.B.

Social Events: JB announced two social events - arranged by GREN Groups - to which all GREN Members were invited:

- **Transition Town Reading** Christmas social in Room 1 at RISC from 7:30 on Monday 12th December – bring food and drink to share.
- **Reading Cycle Campaign** end of year social at the Reading Bicycle Kitchen. Refreshments provided. Date: Friday 16 December Time: 7pm

Constitution Change: TM proposed that Section 6 a) of the GREN Constitution be changed so that only two, not three, 'member meetings' were required per year.

In discussion it was pointed out that member meetings:

- were designed to be the main opportunity for face-to-face networking;
- were defined as the means to decide on the day to day activities of the network;
- could be fun if combined with excursions to interesting places such as Mapledurham.

It was argued that additional meetings could be arranged if people wanted them, but that two mandatory meetings was sufficient.

It was **agreed** to change Section 6 a) of the Constitution so that only two, not three, 'member meetings' were required per year.

Funding: JB requested donations to cover the cost of the meeting and the meeting on Air Quality that had been held earlier in the evening.