

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of CREOS held at 8.00pm on 18 May 2017 at Hanley LTC

Present: 24 Members of CREOS

1. **Apologies for absence:** were received from Pam and Eric Becks; Bernard and Margaret Batley; Naomi and Malcolm Harris; Alys Elphick; David Abram; and David Bevan.
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 12 May 2016:** were approved without amendment.
3. **Guest Speaker:** Glenys introduced Jane Clarke, 'Water for Wildlife Project Officer' with the London Wildlife Trust. Jane presented an illustrated talk about the work of the trust, with particular emphasis on the capital's rivers, streams, ponds, canals, ditches and wetlands. Founded in 1981, the trust is the only charity dedicated solely to protecting London's wildlife and wild spaces, engaging London's diverse communities, through access to the capital's nature reserves, campaigning, volunteering and outdoor learning. Protecting and restoring London's wild places is a major part of the trust's work. Jane provided some detail on a current campaign entitled 'Dragonfly Detectives', which seeks to identify, record and photograph Dragonflies and Damselflies throughout the capital. Following her talk, Jane answered a number of questions from the audience. Glenys thanked Jane on behalf of CREOS and presented her with a token of our appreciation.
4. **Chair's Report:** Glenys presented her report covering the past year. A written copy was circulated. Highlights included: * Maintaining wood chip paths in good condition; * Removal of spikes and painting of railings along Greenway; * Planting of hazel hedge and wild rose saplings; * Design of signage; * Liaison with Police and Neighbourhood Watch to combat anti-social activity; * Christmas and Summer parties. There were no questions.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Julian presented his report and circulated the accounts covering the past year. It had been an excellent year financially. Income up from £3885 to £8001; Expenditure up from £3816 to £5612; Annual Surplus up from £69 to £2389; Balance at 31 March 2017 up from £8028 to £10417.
6. **Election of Officers and Committee Members:** In the absence of David Abram, Paul Secher conducted the Annual Elections, as Acting Returning Officer. The Officers being Glenys Laws [Chair]; Julian Sherwood [Treasurer] and Paul Secher [Secretary] were all re-appointed, unopposed. One Committee Member, Bryan Torfeh was standing down from the Committee, after 17 years' service. Thanks were expressed to Bryan for his support and in particular for the building and erecting of bird boxes. Members noted with pleasure that he would be remaining a Member of CREOS. Glenys nominated and Jacky seconded Alice Shaell, as a new Member of the Committee. All other Committee Members were seeking re-election as follows: Rob Jackson; Steve Hooper; David Abram; Alys Elphick; Emma Prinsley; Ros Abrams; Jane Bywaters; Jacky Wedgwood; and Susan Secher. All Members were re-elected [elected, in the case of Alice Shaell] en bloc.
7. **AOB:** Tony Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and to all members of CREOS who had worked so hard during the past year to create and maintain the environment in the CREOS area [in particular the paths], enjoyed by so many local residents and others.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm and Members adjourned to socialise over a glass of wine and nibbles.