

CREOS Annual General Meeting – 20 May 2019 at 8.00pm – Hanley LTC

Present: 22 Members

1. **Apologies for absence:** Virginia Jackson; Rob Jackson; Karen Matthews; Jacky Wedgwood
2. **Minutes of the AGM 21 May 2018:** approved without amendment
3. **Chair's Report:** Glenys presented her annual report. Highlights included:
 - Increasing biodiversity with preparation, presentation and implementation of the management plan
 - Creation of hazel coppice
 - Planting of wildlife hedging plants and trees
 - Re-routing of paths to protect trees
 - Creation of wildflower meadow at back of sports field
 - Planting of wildflowers on the CREOS meadow
 - Regular maintenance tasks and workdays
 - Summer picnic and winter/Xmas party

Glenys concluded by expressing thanks to the Committee and other members and non-members who had assisted during the year.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Julian presented his annual report. Highlights included:
 - Income: member income unchanged; grant income [Tesco; HW School; and Haringey] up from £2000 to £3000
 - Expenditure: up by £4,000 – mainly on new signage and on plan implementation. Admin expenditure [print, insurance etc] down £200
 - Deficit: £2,000. Assets down £2,000. Balance of funds = £9,631 [2019 = £11,726]
5. **Guest Speaker:** Glenys introduced David Bevan who presented a very interesting and well received, illustrated talk on 'Woodland Management'. Highlights included:
 - Focus on North London woods, including Queen's Wood; Highgate Wood; Coldfall Wood and smaller woods in North London
 - Purpose and importance of coppicing
 - Close relationship between CREOS and local woodlands going back to the 1980s
 - Oak and Hornbeam – their prevalence and importance
 - Primary [pre-1600] and secondary [previously farmland] woodlands
 - Relationship between woodland and wildflowers and herbs, including wood anemone; sorrel; bluebells; buttercups; orchids
 - Woodland and animals/insects, including birds, moths and butterfliesDavid took a number of questions – during and after his talk. Glenys thanked David warmly on behalf of all present.
6. **Election of Officers and Committee Members:** Glenys thanked Steve Hooper, long serving Committee Member who had recently resigned. David Abram presided over the election of Officers and Members. All current Officers and Members were re-elected, unopposed. Daniel Hackett was elected to the Committee to fill the vacancy created by Steve's resignation.
7. **AOB:** There being no further business, the formal part of the meeting was concluded at 10.15pm and members adjourned to socialise.