

COVE BROOK GREENWAY GROUP

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8th August 2017 at Blunden Hall

Prior	Over 30 people attended an interesting talk given by Margaret Taylor on "Cove: 100 Years Ago"	
1. Present	<p>Hilda Anscombe (In the Chair), Mary Yeldham, Antonia Hebert, Dorothy Toynbee, Mike Burns, Mary Harris, Mark Goldup, Kathy Pitcher, Councillor Dave Bell, Lawrence Anscombe, Rosemary Noyce, Frank Noyce, Rachel Harris, Pete Bullars, Joyce Grattan, Barbara Allday, Clive Gratton, Stella Bould, Gwen Wakely, Andrew Price, Anne Marie Langford</p> <p>Apologies were received from Joy Cross and Paul Sanders</p>	ACTIONS
2. Minutes of last meeting	The Minutes from the last AGM were accepted	
3. Matters arising	<p>3.1 The Website is now functioning, but not very well. Improvements are still in process.</p> <p>3.2 Following the abandonment of the Grazing Project at Southwood Meadow, a Management Plan for Southwood had now been agreed. This was focussed on improved access for machinery, improvements to the paths, improved bio-diversity, and the establishment of a grass-cutting rota. CBGG contributes to this by keeping the saplings under control.</p> <p>3.3 During the year Mark Goldup had been appointed as Secretary.</p>	
4. Chairman's Report	<p>The summary of the year just gone was as follows:</p> <p>October Gave a talk to 2nd Cove Scouts Held our Annual Quiz</p> <p>November Held a stall at Rowhill Fair Sea Scouts joined us for a litter pick</p> <p>January BVCT came and helped us lay the hedge on the East of the entrance to Birchbrook Reserve. We hope that they will help lay the hedge to the west of the entrance in Jan 2018</p> <p>February Environment Agency staff came to an open meeting to update us on river maintenance Talked to the cubs about the Brook</p>	

	<p>April We said a sad farewell to Bob Yeldham</p> <p>May Annual Dawn Chorus meeting by the Basingstoke Canal</p> <p>June Held the Fun Day – with the Scouts attending a litter pick the evening before to get the field ready. The event was very successful and thanks to Mary Harris for most of the organising.</p> <p>From now on Antonia will be editing the newsletter – with Rachel’s help in setting it out before publication.</p>	
<p>5. Work Party Report</p>	<p>Since the last AGM we have had 12 of our normal monthly work parties, each attended by an average of 14 people, but that has been slightly inflated by the excellent response to our November litter pick which brought in over 30 people despite the pouring rain.</p> <p>The RBC litter pick was also well attended with over fifty people lending a hand.</p> <p>As usual the work parties were divided almost equally between activities in Southwood, Birchbrook and Cheyne Way with one-offs in other areas along the brook. As usual most tasks involve cutting of vegetation and litter picking.</p> <p>We also had two extra mid week meetings, one to cut paths near Cheyne Wood and the other to cut boundary fences in Birchbrook. We also had three work parties in conjunction with Blackwater Valley rangers.</p> <p>In summary a good year with most aims achieved. Possibly the highlight was the construction of the dead hedge in Birchbrook on a snowy morning in February.</p> <p>Many thanks to everyone who attended any of our work parties.</p>	
<p>6. Treasurer’s report</p>	<p>6.1 The Accounts until 21/6/17 were circulated and approved.</p> <p>This represented activity from 1/1/16 to 21/6/17 i.e. 18 months due to a change in the financial year end date previously agreed.</p> <p>Expenditure during the year had been £1,496.59 and Income had been £1,774.01. This meant the total resources carried forwards were £1,907.10.</p> <p>6.2 It was proposed to close the Business Account with Barclays and transfer the remaining funds to the Community Account. This was due to the fact that there was no realistic likelihood of this account paying any interest for the foreseeable future .</p> <p>The motion was proposed by Hilda Anscombe and Seconded by Kathy Pitcher.</p> <p>It was passed Nem Con.</p>	

7. Election of Officers	<p>The following Officers and Committee Members were elected for the next year</p> <p>Chairperson Hilda Anscombe Treasurer Mary Harris Secretary Mark Goldup Work Party Organiser Paul Sanders Newsletter Editor Antonia Hebbert Committee Members Mary Yeldham, Dorothy Toynbee, Kathy Pilcher, Joy Cross, Mike Burns</p>	
8. AOB	<p>8.1 It was confirmed to the meeting that the Membership of CBGG consisted of those who registered to receive the newsletter.</p> <p>8.2 An issue was raised about the state of the bushes/trees at the end of the garages for the block at 165-177 Cheyne Way which were growing across the path. Hilda said she would raise this with Andy Ford at Rushmoor BC</p> <p>8.3 The matter of Rushmoor's consultation over the future of Southwood Golf Course. Rushmoor wanted to consider whether to use all or some of the land currently used for golf as a SANG. This would allow more houses to be built and meet the requirement for natural greenspace to be made available. One alternative that had been raised was the possibility of creating a 9-hole course and the balance of the land being made available for the SANG. Everyone was urged to look at the details of the consultation on line.</p>	
9. DONM	Date of the next AGM would be Tuesday 14 th August 2018	