

Green Shropshire Xchange Environment Network

AGM July 2019 Notes.

Present : Tony Green, Fred Packer, Rob Saunders, Cath Edwards, Chris Deaves, David Howard, Sam Kirby-Bray, Simone Whitfield, Denise Thompson, Jon Cooke, Frank Oldaker, Dave Green, Helen Howell, Shelia Royle, Sarah Mai, Charlie Bell, Adele Mills, Emma Bullard.

Apologies : Bob Ensum, Sarah Jameson, Julian Dean, Barbara Philips, Simon Ross, David Currant.

Intro by Tony Green, welcome to everyone, GSX is now an environment network and is working on actions for a sustainable future. Since 1969 when we saw pictures of earth from the moon, there have been many positive actions, however we now need to deal with the challenges of climate change and the biodiversity crisis. GSX has an important role in future developments.

Constitution : The steering group has prepared a new constitution for the network and this was agreed unanimously. (Any future changes will need to be considered at a future AGM.)

Election of the Steering Group : it was agreed for all the members to continue. Tony Green (Chair), Fred Packer (Treasurer), Rob Saunders, Bob Ensum, Cath Edwards, David Howard, Chris Deaves.

Treasurer's Report : Balance 2018 £1457.48
Income Nil
Expenditure £264
Balance 2019 £1193.48

The report was accepted and thanks given to Fred Packer for his work.
Proposed Rob Saunders Seconded Cath Edwards

Annual Report : Tony Green presented the report giving details of the past year and that the steering group would be setting up a Climate Change Action group to prepare for working with the councils on Net Zero carbon emissions.

The meeting discussed the issues with the need for urgent action and Dave Green thanked the group for their work.

AOB: Sustainable Bridgnorth has been working on the plastics issues and had a petition to sign.

The need to find land for tree planting was discussed.

The Shrewsbury Environment Centre is open with displays and information, including GSX.

Stretton climate care is holding a Plastic free picnic in August.

Dave Green gave an outline of the campaign against the proposed North West Road in Shrewsbury and that support will be needed across the region.

The AGM was closed and after a short break was followed by two excellent presentations.

Reaching Net Zero by Sam Kirby-Bray, Shropshire council Sustainability officer, who outlined some of the projects proposed and hope for publication of the Carbon Strategy in the autumn.

Action on Pointless Plastic by Simone Whitfield, Sustainable Newport, who explained the work with Surfers against sewage and hope that other groups will consider similar work.

Tony Green thanked them and everyone for the successful discussions.

