

Bohemia Walled Garden Association Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 4th November 2023 10am

Held at the Hastings and Rye Labour Party, 84 Bohemia Rd, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 6RN

(1)Welcome

Nigel Sinden (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Present

Christine M'Baye, Darren Windley, Lesley Bruce, Nigel Sinden, Linda Pearson, Karen Hayler, Sue Jirbandey, Kamila Breen, Christopher Munn, Michelle Pletsch, Beryl Lovett, Dinah Rogers.

(2)Apologies

Dot Hill, Sue Dean, Mat Windley, Justine Munro, Terry Dixon, Abi St Aubyn.

(3)Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Copies of the minutes were circulated and Nigel asked if there were any comments.

(4)Matters arising and adoption of the 2022 AGM minutes

The sub committee setup to manage activities of the community groups has been amalgamated into the main committee.

With no further matters arising the minutes were proposed by Christopher Munn and seconded by Karen Hayler.

(5)Accounts & Trustee Annual Report for 2022 and adoption

Copies of the annual report and accounts were circulated with the AGM invite and copies were available at the meeting. Highlights from the annual report were read out. The annual report was proposed by Christine M'Baye and seconded by Beryl Lovett. The accounts were proposed by Christopher Munn and seconded by Lesley Bruce.

(6)Action Plan for 2024 and adoption

Copies of the plan were circulated with the AGM invite and copies were available at the meeting. Darren presented a summary of the main points of this plan. It was suggested that BWGA join the Sussex Gardens Trust, for assistance with projects and general guidance.

For the history booklet, a suggestion was to get local companies to sponsor an advert within it and get some additional income. Nigel said he would contact Police, Fire and Ambulance HQ's in Bohemia Road to see what community grant assistance they offer. The action plan was proposed by Nigel Sinden and seconded by Sue Jirbandey.

(7)Election of Trustees

The current trustees are Nigel Sinden, Sue Jirbandey, Beryl Lovett and Lesley Bruce. All were willing to stand for another year and it was unanimously agreed by the audience. Nigel did mention that this may be his last year as a trustee.

(8)Any Other Business

Thanks were given to Mat Windley for the grass cutting completed throughout the year.

Thanks were given to Lesley Bruce for all the activities she does (like making Chutneys and Jams), refreshments stall and all the income this generates. Lesley also does and co-ordinates much of the maintenance especially in the community areas.

Thanks were given to the refreshment team (Lesley, Sue Dean, Kay, Dot, Viv) for keeping us fed and watered at the public events.

Michelle Pletsch said to contact Ground Work if we have tasks that need completing as they have willing volunteers each week in the garden.

Michelle Pletsch may have a volunteer who has carpentry skill and could possibly make replacement benches and tables by the refreshment shelter. We would supply materials.

The meeting concluded at 11am and refreshments followed