

Frieze Hill Community Orchard

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NOTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16 March 2005 at The King's Arms at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Gibson (Chairperson), Linda Conway (Secretary), Roger Conway (Treasurer), Mary Bagshawe, Valerie Couch, Ross Friend, Jean Hobbs, Tony James, Geraldine Moses, Katie Redgate, June Small, Robin Small and Joyce Thomas

Apologies: Lin Avery, Diana Butler, Nina Cox, Maurice Jordan and Tony Trott

Minutes of Previous meeting were agreed and signed

1. Welcome

Margaret Gibson opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

2. Chair's Report on Activities during 2004

Margaret Gibson reported on the large amount of work done during the year and all the social activities which had taken place. She mentioned several people including Rosie, who had raised over £200.00 by having her hair cut off, Ross who had made the notice board and designed the Certificates and Tony who had become the Archivist. The DLO had undertaken the path cutting through the year. The bench had been made by Ian Roger. The Steering Group (Committee) had met nine times during the year and the amount of time spent working was probably in the region of 1000 hours. She felt that the year had been a success and that the Community Orchard resource was turning out well, with 86 members and donors. Mary Bagshawe reported on the number and type of trees that had been planted during the year' MG reported that there was still a problem with the Council regarding to the Licence and she would be following this up with Dilly Bradley. There had been a plan to have a dry (shale) 'pond' in the Orchard but the Treasurer reported that TDBC had informed him that Planning Permission would possibly be needed for this. MG felt that the coming year would require some serious fund-raising. Robin Small, who had been guiding the work on the Orchard and had given invaluable help, congratulated the group on what had been achieved so far. And June Small offered to give a talk on Apples and Orchards at a social event and suggested a small charge be made to raise funds for the Orchard.

3. Financial Report and Audited Accounts

Roger Conway spoke to the Accounts. He explained that they were in the process of being audited and would be circulated with the Minutes. The meeting approved them subject to audit. (Post meeting note;- MJ Whitmore has now issued his certificate of audit)

4. **Election of Officers and Committee (Steering Group)**
Margaret Gibson reported that Maurice Jordan was standing down for the coming year but the other members had agreed to remain and Joyce Thomas would join the Group. It was pointed out that the meetings were open to all. The next meeting of the Steering Group was Wednesday 20th April at 7pm at 6 Elm Grove. RS said that although he was not on the Committee he appreciated receiving the Minutes to keep him informed as he wished to continue to give his help when needed.
5. **Any Other Business**
There was discussion regarding the date and venue for the AGM and it was suggested that this should be mid-summer day (24 June) and that the meeting should take place on the Orchard and should be a social occasion too. The coming year would therefore be 15 months. This was agreed. RC reminded members that the membership year was AGM to AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm

Chairman:- Margaret Gibson, Secretary:- Linda Conway, Treasurer:- Roger Conway

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