

Mid Cotswolds Tracks and Trails Group Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 10th October 2012 at the Amberley Inn, Amberley, Stroud, Glos GL5 5AF.

21 members were present.

1. Apologies were received from: Sue Ellis; Lesley Radcliffe; Steve Radcliffe; Louis Eyre; Olga Griffiths; Julie Dickens; Rhiannon Wigzell; Jenny Wragg; Jan Robbins.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising: The alteration to the accounts figure, caused by running beyond the 31st July cut off date, was discussed and it was agreed to sign off the 2011 Minutes as a true record of the meeting, but to append an explanatory note about the new figure, as follows:

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed as a true record, with a note being added that the bank figure was subsequently altered by £60 following the independent check.

4. Revised Constitution: The Committee had proposed some alterations to the wording of the Group's constitution to correct the numbering, punctuation and grammar; to clarify the committee election procedure; to include the option of not charging for membership; and to change the word "auditor" to "independent examiner". These changes were unanimously agreed.

5. Chair's Report: Pat Harris gave her report summarising the year's achievements, which included various gate and track improvements; publicity and fundraising work; presentations on topics of interest to members; an improved website and internet links; and development of proposals for a cross county linear route; an off-road track between Standish and Stonehouse; and horse access to the Stroud-Nailsworth cycle track.

6. Treasurer's Report: Katrina Thacker circulated copies of the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st July 2012 which showed a healthy closing balance of £707.96. Katrina highlighted the fact that no monies were taken by committee members or officers for their expenses and that the committee had decided not to charge for membership, while funds so allowed. It was the Group's policy rather to fundraise separately for individual projects and to use its reserves for general running costs. The Group had not renewed its affiliation to the Trails Trust as nothing had been heard from them and the benefits of membership for the Group at this time were not clear. The website running costs were slightly dearer now.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members: Current officers and committee members, namely Jo Bird (formerly Chapman), Emma Chandler, Sue Ellis (Secretary), Pat Harris (Chair), Jane Moss, Steve Radcliffe and Katrina Thacker (Treasurer), had indicated that they were happy to continue. April Read therefore

proposed that the existing committee should be re-elected en bloc and Liz Stevens seconded this proposal which was passed.

7. Any Other Business: None.

April Read thanked the Committee on behalf of the members present for all their work during the year.

The formal meeting closed at 8.15pm and was followed by a presentation by Margaret McKiddie, from Endurance GB Offa's Dyke Group, on endurance riding. Then Margaret Barry introduced herself as Chair of Endurance GB Cotswold Group and explained how to begin riding with their group.

Pat Harris thanked both ladies for their enjoyable and informative talks.