



# General Meeting





# Update to Constitution

The changes proposed are to alter the date of the AGM in the constitution which currently states;

*'There shall be an annual general meeting of the Charity, which shall be held in the month of **November** in each year or as soon as practicable'*

The date of the AGM was altered some time ago to allow the audited accounts to be presented at the meeting. The Committee therefore propose to change the wording to;

*'There shall be an annual general meeting of the Charity, which shall be held in the month of **March** in each year or as soon as practicable'*

Previously agreed and to be added is;

*'No Committee Member of the Pinewoods Conservation Group may issue a statement publicly or via the media that is contrary to the Pinewoods Conservation Group's agreed policy stating that or giving the impression that they represent the Pinewoods Conservation Group. All media correspondence must be agreed by the Committee prior to being issued.'*



# Annual General Meeting 2015





# Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Matters Arising From Minutes of Last Meeting
- 4 Committee Update on 2014 and Plans for 2015
- 5 Election of Committee Officers & Members
- 6 Any Other Business
- 7 Date of Next Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> March 2016)
- 8 Speakers;
  - Leaving a Legacy – Duncan Watson, Stowe Family Law
  - Our Plans for the Pinewoods - Paul Casey, Harrogate Council
  - A Walk Through the Woodland of Great Britain - The Walking Englishman, Mike Brockhurst

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# **Review of 2014**



# Highlights

- More events that before including new Easter Egg Hunt
- Good increase in memberships, especially corporate members
- Continued general maintenance
- Two new committee members







# 101 Bicyclettes

- 10 bikes as part of Harrogate Council project to celebrate 101<sup>st</sup> Tour De France
- Great participation and feedback





# Irongate Project

- Completed on time and under budget
- Involvement from lots of groups
- More planting to be done in 2015







# Accounts: Receipts & Payments

	2014	2013
<b>INCOME</b>		
Members' subscriptions and donations	1,162	958
Corporate members and affiliations	290	47
Other donations and sponsorship	550	558
Grants and donations re Irongate	4,256	6,375
Bank interest	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	6,259	7,939
Fund raising income	<u>1,201</u>	<u>605</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u><b>7,460</b></u>	<u><b>8,544</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Pinewoods enhancement and development		
Bat inspections	100	40
Bird feeding	328	342
Open day posters/banner	-	71
High visibility vests	-	258
Sweat shirts and other branded goods	189	62
Binocular repair	-	156
Balsam control	797	-
Irongate costs	<u>8,336</u>	<u>-</u>
	9,750	929
Administration	<u>537</u>	<u>497</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>10,287</b></u>	<u><b>1,426</b></u>
<b>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><b>£(2,827)</b></u>	<u><b>£7,118</b></u>



# Accounts: Balance Sheet

	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Lloyds Bank Group – current account	5,138	7,579
Lloyds Bank Group – deposit account	<u>2,281</u>	<u>2,280</u>
	7,419	9,859
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Subscriptions in advance	(367)	-
Unpaid expenses	<u>(20)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>£7.032</u></b>	<b><u>£9,859</u></b>
Financed by:		
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>		
Funds brought forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2014	9,859	2,741
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>(2,827)</u>	<u>7,118</u>
<b>Funds carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014</b>	<b><u>£7,032</u></b>	<b><u>£9,859</u></b>



# Plans for 2015



# Improvement Priorities

Project 1 – Footpath repairs and resurfacing

- Resurface from recreation field to Harlow Moor Road

Project 2 – Balsam removal and native planting

- Professional removal of Balsam
- Addition of native planting

**£10,000 Just Received!**  
**Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation**



# Protecting from Development

- H25 (Crag Lane) housing now approved.
- Applications to register Pinewoods and adjoining areas as “Assets of Community Value”
- Working with resident associations & groups on development proposals and objections
- Feeding into local plan on “Local Green Spaces”





# 2015 Events

Current plans include:

- **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Egg Hunt
- **May/June:** Scarecrow Competition (with HiB)
- **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Valley Gardens 40s Day
- **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Harrogate Allotment Show
- **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Pinewoods Open Day
- **Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct (tbc):** Halloween Walk



# What Can I Do To Help?

- Encourage new members
- Help at our various events
- Share the good work of the group
- Identify possible new sponsors and supporters
- Wear your pin badges!





# Election of Committee Officers & Members

- Neil Hind
- Michelle Whitfield-Speed
- Iain Ward-Campbell
- Christine Ward-Campbell
- Jim Clark
- Geoff Scurrah
- Roy Smith
- Carolyn Rothwell
- Janine Clarke



- Any Other Business
- Date of Next AGM (10<sup>th</sup> March 2016)



**Duncan Watson**





**Paul Casey**



**Mike Brockhurst**  
**AKA The Walking Englishman**

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