

Pinewoods Conservation Group

AGM 20 March 2024

At The Green Hut, 7.30pm

1. Welcome from Neil Hind, Chair, to all present.
2. Apologies from: Lucy Hind; Terry Knowles, Christine Ward-Campbell, Anne Grange, Caroline Bryce, Carol Dunville, Fran Scurrah
3. Matters arising from last AGM 16/3/23.
 - a. Memorial for Jim Clark still to be done.
4. Review of 2023 and current plans for 2024
 - a. Review of 2023
 - i. Maintenance projects in the woods continued, with unwanted dens and graffiti removed. Litter picks continued, and signage was replaced, and improved.
 - ii. The bird feeding, litter picking and monthly site work groups continued.
 - iii. The council were approached about their obligations within the Pinewoods Management Plan.
 - iv. Dog waste signage was improved and warden approached, and 'volunteers do litter picking here' notices went up.
 - v. There are currently no plans to relocate the Council Nursery
 - vi. No one is available to do a bat box inspection
 - b. Finance
 - i. The accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Iain Ward-Campbell and acceptance was proposed by Geoff Scurrah, and seconded by Cath Vardy.
 - c. Plans for 2024
 - i. The Centenary tarmac path from RHS to Harlow Carr is showing signs of wear and tear and root damage
 - ii. The patch from the War Memorial to Harlow Moor Rd needs attending to
 - iii. Wally is doing a leaflet about the woods with a map
5. Election of Committee officers and members.
 - a. A presentation was made to Geoff Scurrah who is standing down from the committee. He was instrumental in setting it up in 2002 and was thanked for his years of service, commitment and expertise to the PCG.
 - b. The names as listed were elected, and the proposer was Joy Allen, seconder Mike Fox.
6. AOB
 - a. Jane Blaney's book on trees in the Valley Gardens is available, and there is now a guide to the memorable trees in the Valley Gardens.

AGM ended at 8pm

7. Harrogate Spring Water/Danone made a presentation to the group. Questions were tabled and responded to. The Stray Ferret covered the event.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm.