

## Tideswell & District Annual General Meeting -

7pm, Wednesday 24 June, 2020  
Held online by Zoom



### Minutes

**Present:** Lynn Crowe (Chair), Rob Mitson (Treasurer) Helen Grainger (plus 1), Steve Elliott, Jules Fell, Sheelagh Handy, Laura Hutchinson, Adam Saunders, Suzanne Leckie, Andrea Mitson, Claire McKenzie, Alice Overton, Bill Purvis, Joe Purvis, Fiona Roberts, Ruth Strange (speaker), Richard Thorowgood, Carrie Warr, Caroline Worsley, Martin Beer.

1. Lynn welcomed attendees and thanked Jules for the use of her Zoom account and for setting up the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Hannah Owen (Parish Council), Sue Barber, Cllr Simon Spencer, Leonie Redfern, Josie Kilner (who asked to note that she is happy to continue to liaise with the Parish Council).

3. **Annual Report Updates** (Lynn): Thanks you to everyone who contributed from each of the project groups which have all been included in the report. It's only just one year since the group started and we already have over 100 members on Facebook and on the email list. Lynn also proposed a slight change in the order of agenda items at this point, so that the financial accounts could be shared prior to questions on the annual report.

3a. **Project Groups:** There are currently two vacancies for project group leaders.

Green in Business, Bill Purvis to step down: It maybe that this topic could be combined with the Ethical Consumerism and Climate Action Groups.

Recycling Group: Rob Mitson to step down.

Thanks to both Rob and Bill for their work in leading these groups.

Other project groups are welcome. Please come forward if you're interested and any ideas can be presented the whole group.

3b. **New TDEG Web site:** Lynn was pleased to announce that the web site is now up and running: [www.tdeg.org.uk](http://www.tdeg.org.uk). Feedback welcome. Thanks to Pete Hawkins for his work on the design and also to Tideswell & District Community Association & Derbyshire County Council for their funding contributions. Again, thanks to all those who have contributed to the content. The site will be used to promote the work of the group, store notes and keep in touch with members. It will be promoted on the Facebook page.

### **3c. Presentation of the financial accounts (Rob Mitson)**

Rob noted that voluntary contributions are an important source of income enabling grant money from DDDC to be directed specifically to action projects rather than admin. Neil Buttle's generous contribution went to specific projects: Climate Action Group's newsletter; and installation costs for the Swift Project (individuals covering the discounted costs of the actual boxes). This year's report doesn't include website funding which will appear in the next financial year. Thank you to Rob.

**3d. Questions arising:** Carrie asked if the swift boxes have any swifts nesting? There are lots of swifts in the area and it's hoped that this year's fledglings will inhabit our boxes on return next year.

Claire asked that if anyone has suitable photographs for the website please send them to her. Ruth suggested taking a screenshot of this meeting for the site and did!

The Annual Report was welcomed and accepted unanimously.

### **4. Nominations and election of new honorary officers**

Officers are happy to stand again aside from Andrea Mitson who has been one of the founding members and one of the initial driving forces for the group. She has been a fab secretary. She will still be involved with the Climate Action Group. Thank you, Andrea, for your meticulous and hard work in this post.

There had been no additional nominations for the post by the due date of 17 June. Alice Overton was proposed by the steering group and appointed unanimously as Hon. Secretary.

The meeting closed around 7.30 pm and was followed by a presentation from Ruth Strange, (Ethical Consumer magazine) on the environmental impact of the fashion industry. Group discussions following Ruth's presentations suggested some actions for all of us for the future. **Notes from the group discussions and Ruth's presentation are included.**

Following the presentation, Claire thanked Ruth for a fascinating talk and suggested that TDEG would be able to take forward some of these actions in the future.

There was a proposal that our next full TDEG general meeting would be in September, details to be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.