

DRAFT Minutes of the CPRE London Annual General Meeting on 8 October 2020 – on Zoom (Webinar) at 18:00

Attendance:

Members:

Emma Bould, Julia Burgoyne, Tony Burton, Stephen Butters, Bruce Cadbury, Jennifer Chan, Joanna Clayton, John Croxen, George Demetriou, Michael Diamond, Poonam Douglas, Jo Ellingham, Lucy Farrell, Alison Fure, Danny Garvey, Esmee Heath, John Hobson, Tara-Jane Sutcliffe, Cynthia Jenkins, Geoffrey Juden, Alena Kalashnikova, Dianne Kennard, Alex King, Ros Moss, Nancy Mayo, Shelagh Sejourne, Jane Seymour, Peter Van Reeth, Richard Woollard, Sandra Worsfold

Non-members:

Sarah Ahern, Chris Allen, Clare Birks, Andy Boddington, Robin Brown, Olive Buckley, CM Campbell, Susan Crisp, Karen Fitzsimon, Nikolaus Frei, Rob Gray, Andrew Hinchley, Xiuzheng Li, Timothy Murphy, Cheryl Norgan, Dilshod Perkins, Mich Rossiter, Simon Saville, Edward Stannard, zcftlou (as shown in attendee list), Marco Zunino

Staff/volunteers:

Tim Fountaine*, Alice Roberts, Lynne Roberts*, Neil Sinden*,

Panel Members:

Clare Melhuish, Shirley Rodrigues, Ben Rogers, Andrew Jones

*also members

GROUND RULES: With the online format, the Chair stated that we will be going through the agenda swiftly, that silence from the audience will be taken as assent, and that the chat function and Q&A should be used for questions arising at AGM, as well as during the panel session. The event is being recorded and may be promoted more widely as more people wanted to participate than were able to join the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2. MINUTES FROM LAST AGM

Minutes of the AGM held on 23 May 2019 were noted and approved by those in attendance. No issues were arising.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 2019 was presented by the Chair. This year, in particular, people are using our green space as ever before. Thanks were given to our partners, funders and supporters and in particular City Bridge Trust, The GLA, The Integrated Transport Commission, The Magpie Project, Forest Gate Community Garden in Newham, Friends of Bow Back Rivers, Tranquil City, John Hobson QC and colleagues at the CPRE National Office. Thank you also to Trustees and staff team; and in particular Jo Clayton (Honorary Secretary) and Alex King (Treasurer) for all they have done as they stand down from the Board.

The Chair noted that we are looking at the option of moving CPRE London from an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation and will revert next year if we would recommend a change in the way in which we are constituted.

The Annual Report was proposed for approval by the Chair, seconded by Alex King and approved by those in attendance.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Alex King. An update on the report was given:

(1) Go Parks and Big Green London Map project has been significant in terms of costs but also grant funding.

(2) The team left the end of the year with more than 20k surplus. That said, the projects mentioned above will need further investment in 2020 and 2021

(4) Thank you again to all of our funders, grants and individuals. Thank you also to Judith who was our independent examiner last year and we hope the examiner this year.

(5) Please consider donating to our current appeal, which will support our campaign for 10 new parks in London.

The report was proposed for approval by the Chair, seconded by Alex King and approved by those in attendance.

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND HONORARY OFFICERS:

Tony Burton CBE: Chair (co-opted as Chair at the 2019 AGM)

Danny Garvey: Vice Chair: originally elected as trustee at 2017 AGM and elected as Vice Chair at 2019 AGM

Poonam Douglas: Honorary Secretary standing for the first time, replacing Jo Clayton

Alena Kalashnikov: Treasurer, replacing Alex King who is standing down after 4 years

Jo Ellingham: re-election (elected as Trustee at 2019 AGM)

Tara-Jane Sutcliffe: Trustee (standing for election for the first time)

Emma Bould: Trustee - proposed by Tony Burton and Danny Garvey

Elections were proposed by Jo Clayton and seconded by Alex King. As the number of elections doesn't exceed number of positions, there was no need for a wider ballot.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The chair proposed the appointment of Judith Brookfield as Independent Examiner for the third year. This was seconded by Alex King.

7. AOB

None.

8. PHOTO COMPETITION

The Chair announced the winners of our first Photo Competition: Picture Green London.

Thank you to Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor; Professor Kate Jones, Professor of Ecology and Biodiversity University College London; and Derek Man, Photographer, who helped judge the competition of over 60 entrants. The results were as follows:

Highly commended: South Bank by Lisa Taylor

Runners up – who each receive £50 and 1 years' membership of CPRE: 'Furlough Fields' at London Fields by Marcos Marcos Bevilacqua, and Early Morning Greenwich Park by Candy Blackham

Winner: Heading to the Basketball Courts in Brockwell Park by Marieke Wrigley who receives £150 and free membership for a year.

Congratulations to Marieke. The pictures will be publicised and circulated more widely. It was a testament to the variety, diversity and quality of green spaces and public enjoyment of them in the variety of images that we received.

The AGM ended at 18:15 and was followed by a panel discussion on "London After Lockdown: Priorities for a Green Recovery"

Poonam Douglas 20/10/20