

CPRE London AGM held on Zoom (webinar) on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 18.00**Draft Minutes****Present****Members**

Trustees: Emma Bould, Tony Burton (Chair), Danny Garvey, Catherine Irving-Johnstone, Alena Kalashnikova and Tara-Jane Sutcliffe.

Neil Bellingham, Jon Burke, Jennifer Chan, Alan Cooper, Sheryl Devries, Lucy Farrell, Tim Fountaine, Nikolaus Frei, John Hobson, Dianne Kennard, Cynthia Jenkins, Nancy Mayo, Safia Minney, Glenn Morfill, Sheila Peck, Sally Penrose, Justin Portess, Ben Priestley, Lynne Roberts, John Sadler, Su Sayer, Jane Seymour, Elizabeth Silver, Neil Sinden, Peter Van Reeth, Sarah Vaughan.

Apologies

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Opening remarks

The Chair, Tony Burton, welcomed attendees to the second online AGM of CPRE London. The meeting and subsequent panel discussion were being recorded to enable those unable to attend to view them.

This year, for the first time, the AGM papers had been made available on the CPRE London website rather than being distributed by post and a link was also included in the Chat forum. The Chat and Q&A functions enabled questions and comments during both the AGM and panel session. Silence was taken as consent on all the major decisions requiring voting.

A couple of apologies had been received including from the former Chair John Croxon.

Minutes of the delayed AGM held on Zoom (webinar) on 8 October 2020

Taken as a correct record. Proposed by Tony Burton, seconded by Alena Kalashnikova.

Trustees' Annual Report

The pandemic had led to a greater appreciation of the true value of London's countryside and open space and consequently the charity had been more in demand than ever before. An increased number of projects and initiatives celebrating and protecting London's green spaces, together with new collaborations, had extended CPRE London's impact and influence.

The Chair thanked the staff team, volunteers and trustees, especially Jo Ellingham and Poonam Douglas who were stepping down as trustees. Thanks were also given to members and all the supporters and donors listed in the report.

Following the decision to move from being an unincorporated charity towards a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which was announced at the 2020 AGM, work had been ongoing to develop a new constitution. An EGM before the end of the year will seek members' support. The new structure strengthens governance and is a

model advised by CPRE National. It has already been adopted by several CPRE groups around the country.

There were no questions or comments. Tony Burton proposed and Alena Kalashnikova seconded the report.

Treasurer's Report

The financial position had improved during the year with the expansion of projects. Membership income was similar to the previous year, despite Covid 19. Income totalled £122,000 and while costs increased by 18% largely due to expenses associated with projects, office expenses had decreased due to working from home. There was therefore a surplus of £22,480 and net assets had increased leaving CPRE London in a strong financial position.

There were no questions about the annual accounts.

Tony Burton proposed and Alena Kalashnikova seconded approval of the accounts.

Election of officers and trustees

The following were elected without need for a ballot as the number of nominations did not exceed the places available.

Election of officers

Chair – Tony Burton, originally elected in 2019. Proposed by Catherine Irving-Johnston and seconded by Alena Kalashnikova.

Vice Chair – Danny Garvey originally elected as trustee in 2017. Proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Alena Kalashnikova.

Secretary – Sally Penrose, standing for election for the first time. Proposed by Catherine Irving-Johnstone and seconded by Tony Burton.

Treasurer – Alena Kalashnikova originally elected in 2020. Nominated by Tony Burton and seconded by Catherine Irving-Johnston.

General Trustees

Tara-Jane Sutcliffe, first elected in 2020.

Emma Bould, first elected in 2020.

Jon Burke standing for election for the first time.

Catherine Irving-Johnstone, co-opted earlier in 2021.

All were proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Alena Kalashnikova.

Appointment of Independent examiner

Judith Brookfield, CPRE London's Independent Examiner since 2018, was appointed for a fourth year. Proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Alena Kalashnikova.

Date of next AGM

This will take place on Thursday 19 May 2022.

Any Other Business

None.

The AGM closed at 18.30 and was followed by a panel discussion “From grey to green: repurposing London’s streets” which was part of the Urban Tree Festival events running during May 2021.