

# Minutes of the Wandsworth Society

**Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at West Side Church, Melody Road London SW18 at 7.00pm.**

There were thirty five members in attendance, six members of the Executive were present.

1. **Apologies for absence**, two members have offered their apologies, M/s Jane Bowden-Dan and Peter Farrow.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM and matters arising.**

The Minutes of the 2022 meeting have been circulated and copies were available at the meeting. As there were no matters arising, the adoption of these Minutes were proposed by John Dawson and seconded by Nigel Muris. The Minutes were thereby adopted.

3. **The Annual Report by the Acting Chair. Attached as a pdf.**
4. **Presentation and approval of the Annual Accounts and matters arising.**

The Treasurer Richard Pook presented the Society's accounts which have been independently examined by Mr Paul Henry, Accountant. Thank you Mr Henry.

The accounts show a small excess of expenditure(loss) over income(-£691) but as the Society had contributed to the support of social events and banners together with the increase of costs incurred in the production and distribution of the newsletter, it is pleasing to note that the income of the Society has held up so well. The balance sheet of the Society remains in good health with significant funds on deposit. The Treasurer indicated that he would be pleased to respond to any questions on the accounts. As there were no questions, The Chair asked for the adoption of the accounts to be proposed, which The Chair undertook, the accounts were then seconded for adoption by Wendy Cater.

5. **Election of the Society Chair.**

As no alternative nominations had been received, it was proposed that the Acting Chair should assume the position of Chair for the forthcoming year. The nomination was proposed by John Dawson and seconded by Richard Pook.

6. **Election of Society Officers.**

The existing Executive have agreed to continue in office for the next year. The Executive consists of: Membership secretary, Gill Gray, Roads and transport, John Dawson, Environment Bruce St J Bown, Treasurer Richard Pook, Co opted Iain Gray.

Positions vacant: Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Officers appointments were proposed by Wendy Cater and seconded by Jenny Massey.

7. **Election of other members of the Executive Committee.** There had been no nominations for election to the Executive committee.

## **8 Any other business.**

Earlier in the meeting the question of new and younger members was raised from the floor. A suggestion of Whats Ap links was made which will be investigated. It will be necessary to monitor the exchanges if this type of communication is made available, which begs the question who will undertake this.

A question about membership numbers was raised by Will Pook, Gill Gray responded to say that the numbers are pretty stable and that Iain Gray had continued to collect subs personally from those not paying by standing order. This had not been possible during the period of Covid but matters are now back on an even keel.

Iain Gray raised the question of publications on the web site and asked if these were a disincentive to new (younger) members joining the Society as all the information was easily and publicly available.

Julia Fox Bott advised the meeting that although the Friends of Wandsworth Common(of which she is co-chair) had approximately 2000 members very little feedback comes from the social media groups with which the F of W C interact.

Sheila Allen stated that the Wandsworth museum group have a walk during The Heritage Week exploring Wandsworth's hidden museums. The date is the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Sheila also spoke about the Wimbledon park site and walks which the AELTC have organised around the site. The meeting was encouraged to attend one of these walks.

## **9 The meeting closed at approximately 19.50 hrs.**