Annual General Meeting 2024

7.30pm on Thursday 17th October 2024
At Wyndham Arms, Kingsbury Episcopi

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Kerry, Ed, Larry, Neil, Richard, Anita, Cara, Marie, Sian, Jo, Nick, Herbi, Nikki

Apologies: Hannah, Geof, Al, Henry, Jacque

2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Approved.

3. Constitution

Agreed.

4. Chairman's report

- Total numbers 3900 online ticket sales
- Number of on day and retail tickets - ? **ACTION: Ed**
- The fourth bus route not well used **ACTION: Richard/Anita**
- Sadly the horse and boat had to be cancelled as one on Ivan's horses had sadly died, followed by Ivan being in an accident. There was some miscommunication between Ivan and Ian which didn't highlight this issue earlier. Ian might be selling the boat, any of which might mean this transport is not available to the fair next year.
- Horse set up good and worked really well
- Volunteers were good but need more
- Lay out worked well

- There were 14 Saturday courses and increased numbers of participants - they were all very well received
- 28 green craft stalls
- Music yurt with Sam Lee was excellent
- Info café went well
- 3 bars made £17350, net £5350
- Kevin Austin won scythe competition
- Community tent worked really well
- Hay man was a great addition to the fair
- Green kids including radical Punch and Judy show, bubbles, school beans etc
- Opening procession with samba band went very well
- Ceilidh moved outside which was much better
- Parley went well “land ownership or the commons?”
- Thanks to all from Herbi
- Really good last year but still things to work on especially waste and recycling, using own cups and crockery, packaging specifications for stall holders possibly
- Better bin labelling
- Can crusher above bin

5. Treasurer’s report

Income £83349
Expenses £71459
Surplus £11890

- A massive thank you was extended to Midge for all her help with the accounts over the years. Everyone is incredibly sad that she has been taken away from us too young. She was a shining light.
- Big thanks to Heidi who will audit the accounts this year and agreed on the figures.

Assets:
£36632 bank
£30000 deposit account
£5700 TSB
£2000 petty cash
Total £74584

- Grant money paid out: £3000
- £732 carbon tax sent to Re-imagining The Levels – make compulsory next year
- Nick and Henry counted money together which worked really well.

Accounts 2024 approved.

AGM minutes and financial summary to Carol for web site **ACTION: Jo/Carole**

6. Update on grants given in 2024

- Grant summary with photos for web site **ACTION: Jo**
- Grants for 2025 - it was agreed to use £4000, **ACTION: Jo** to send update to Carole for web site
- Grants recipients to be offered stalls or info in Green Info Café
- Wider advertising of grants – **ACTION: Richard** is going to write an article about the bus service and include info about the grant and recipients for the freebie mags of which there are a dozen.

7. Decision on amount to be given in grants in 2025

£4000

8. Election of Committee members

The following were unanimously elected

- Chair (incl music and parley): **Herbi**
- Treasurer (incl bars): **Nick**
- Secretary (incl grants): **Jo**
- Event coordinator (incl security, first aid): **Cara** with **Jo** assisting
- Chief steward (incl volunteers): **Sian** with **??** assisting
- Site manager: **Al** with **Larf** and **Bobbie** assisting
- Safety Officer: **Nikki**
- DPS: **Geof**
- Child protection: **Marie** (Safeguarding lead)
- Scything: **Neil** with **Larry** assisting
- Stalls and catering: **Ed** with **Alex** assisting
- Green crafts: **Nick**
- Green kids and site info (incl energy trailer): **Hannah**
- Green info café and workshops: **Jacque and Larf** and Willis Lane Crew
- Community Tent**: Meg**
- Ticketing and gate: **Henry**
- Parking: **Kerry**
- Bus steward: **Richard and Anita**
- Web Site: **Carole**
- Publicity (Facebook): **Julie**

Thanks to Julie for all her help with the emails – **ACTION: Nick** to send email to Herbi to add Julie to contact list.

8. Date of 2025 Green Scythe Fair

Sunday 8th June 2025

9. Proposals for 2025 developments?

- Horse demo on the Sunday – what is the cost?, is there room?, **ACTION: Ed/Al and Pedro** to come up with a proposal
- Some scythers wanted a whole field to mow without raking up – **ACTION: Al** to talk to Mike and the Englands to see if this is possible
- Minimise the amount of change as everything went very smoothly in 2024 but look for tweeking
- There was an idea to have an exhibition of Midge's photos in her memory **ACTION: Jo** to talk to Al/Ben/Derek to see what they think of this idea
- Teenage ticket and dog ticket (£5 each)
- More robust wrist bands.

10. Any other business

- There was a discussion about who is responsible on Sunday evening after around 8pm? Should there be more security on the Sunday evening? What is Geof's thoughts on this? **ACTION: Geof**. Committee responsibility ends at midnight maybe we need to agree who has radios/responsibility until that time.
- Marie wants to know what time she goes off duty as safeguarding lead and who has responsibility after that - security? **ACTION: Cara** to ask security if they have safeguarding.
- Vans coming into gate 2 at 4pm Sunday for the party without a tickets as there is no-one there to take money. This needs to be looked at for next year. Cones to stop people going round to gate 2?

12. Dates of 2025 meetings

16th Jan
13th Feb
13th March
10th April
15th May

Put dates in WhatsApp group - **ACTION: Jo**