

Minutes of Transition Chesterfield AGM held at Inspire Community Garden on Thursday 12 August 2021 at 19.00.

Present: Alastair Meikle, Margaret Hersee, Lisa Hopkinson, Greg Hewitt, Sheila Curzon, Sue Scott, Martin Baxter, Dawn Ward, Paul King.

Apologies: Alison Cowley, Darryl Cowley, Chris Brooks, Polly Bentley.

1. Welcome

Alastair had agreed to chair the meeting. All present introduced themselves.

2. Secretary's Report

Previously circulated – relevant attendees spoke to their projects and noted additional points.

- Alastair noted that Potato Day only raised £700 due to being limited to pre-orders.
- Greg thanked TC for their support for the Plastic Free Festival which went well in spite of the difficult weather.
- Divestment – action planned for 3 November 2021.
- Alastair summarised the planning objections that had been raised: (1) Waterside development not following original plans. Possible new cycle route now being added. (2) Railway Station Masterplan – not prioritising alternatives to car use for access. (3) E-W Cycle route run into objections regarding Chatsworth Road section. If do not proceed, Derbyshire CC will lose ability to claim for further government fundings for cycling infrastructure.

Report approved: Proposed by Lisa, Seconded by Greg.

3. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer report and accounts were available as these had not been approved by the independent examiner.

Action: Margaret to meet with Darryl when he returns from holiday and go through accounts to sort out the difficulties. EGM to be arranged.

[post meeting note – the accounts have now been finalised and an EGM will be held to sign off]

4. Election of Officers

Alastair clarified the position of current members of the Core Group. Greg and Margaret said they were willing to continue. Sue indicated that she would like to stand down. Discussion with Polly had noted that she was unable to attend Thursday meetings but it was thought that she was willing to continue.

Dawn said she would be willing to join the Core Group.

Margaret had asked to stand down as Secretary but a replacement had not been found so she would continue but on a minimal basis. Some duties would be shared by others in the group.

New Core Group: Margaret Hersee, Greg Hewitt, Darryl Cowley, Polly Bentley, Dawn Ward.

Proposed by: Lisa, seconded by Alastair.

5. Minutes of 2020 AGM & EGM

These were agreed to be a true record of both meetings. Dawn noted that the Restart Grant had still not been used due to Covid restrictions; Margaret said that this was for networking activities with other groups and would hopefully be spent in the forthcoming year.

6. Any other business.

Paul King drew attention to a Walk that was calling in at Chesterfield on 4 September. The walkers would be coming from Huthwaite, using the 5 Pits Trail and calling in at Hasland. There would be a welcome meal at St Andrew's Church in the evening.

Paul King also noted that the display that had been held at the Pavements shopping centre had had to be moved hastily and, as a result had been somewhat damaged. He felt that the Council was not being very supportive in this area and some discussion was held about working on this. One suggestion was to use the screen now running at the Vicar Lane end.

Meeting closed at 20.20 when the sun was setting behind the trees. Alastair thanked everyone for their attendance.