

Minutes of Transition Chesterfield AGM held at Inspire Community Garden on Thursday 11 August 2022 at 19.00.

Present: Lisa Hopkinson (Chair), Steph Fatcher, David Robertson, Alastair Meikle, Martin Baxter, Charlie Streather, Kathy Farr, Sheila Curzon, Gillian Bown, Alison Cowley, Darryl Cowley, Karl Deakin, Chris Brooks, Dawn Ward, Margaret Hersee (Secretary).

Apologies: Lizzie Henshaw, Polly Bentley.

1. Welcome

Lisa 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 just over £1000 profit and £500 was donated to Inspire Garden.
- Repair Cafes had continued and regional Fixfest in March showcasing local projects involved in waste reduction and networking between local groups.
- Abundance had run events linking with Chesterfield BC *Year of Outdoors*.
- Seed Swap has generated interest on market stalls but stocks now running low.
- Plastic Free – second successful Festival.
- Crafters Bazaar – new project for TC held successfully in July.
- Divestment – recent webinar to try to engage councillors and several demonstrations.
- Climate Emergency – various ad hoc events organised with more being considered.
- Planning matters continue to cause concern, although DCC will be pushing ahead with the East-West Walking and Cycling Route. It was also noted that DCC have put together new Supplementary Planning Guidance on climate which is looking more positive and should be published soon.
- It was noted that Alastair's work with the website was omitted from the report – thanks for this were recorded.

Report approved: Proposed by Lisa, Seconded by Dawn.

3. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The independent examiner had noted some minor errors when transferring amounts onto the spreadsheet.

It was also pointed out that there was a payment for the July Repair Café to an alternative venue with no invoice in the records. This was being investigated.

Hall hire for two Repair Café events has not been paid (including the one referred to above).

Darryl noted that there was an error regarding the Petty Cash amount which needed to be corrected. It was also noted that the donations to the Plastic Free Festival and Inspire Garden needed to be recorded as separate items under Expenditure.

Action: Darryl to check the Petty Cash balance sheet and amend as appropriate. Margaret to meet with accountant who helped her put balance sheet together to check the stated cash amount. Inspire Garden to supply some produce to thank the Independent Examiner and Accountant for their voluntary help.

4. Amendments to Constitution

These had been circulated previously and no concerns had been raised. Lisa noted that the main changes were to do with language (in particular, changing Core Group to Committee), removing powers to employ staff or purchase premises and to require projects to provide attendance at four general meetings held throughout the year.

Proposed: Chris, Seconded: Dawn, All agreed.

5. Election of Officers

Lisa clarified the position of members of the current Core Group. Greg had left in December as he was moving to Sheffield; Dawn would also be standing down as she was moving to Sheffield. Darryl and Polly had served their term of office.

Lisa then asked if there were new Committee members willing to come forward.

Treasurer – Ed Hathaway (currently a fixer at the Repair Café) had agreed to take on this role.

Kathy Farr, Karl Deakin, Alastair Meikle all indicated their willingness.

Margaret agreed to carry on as Secretary to provide continuity and on the understanding that new members would share some of the duties.

New Committee: Margaret Hersee, Kathy Farr, Karl Deakin, Alastair Meikle and Edwin Hathaway.

Margaret noted that she had approached Lizzie Henshaw about possible interest in the role. Lizzie was unable to stand at this point due to work commitments but agreed that it would be useful to shadow the current committee for a few months to better understand what might be involved. The new Committee members to discuss the workings of this arrangement.

Proposed: Lisa, seconded: Darryl. All agreed.

6. Minutes of 2021 AGM & EGM

These were agreed to be a true record of both meetings.

AGM 2021 – Proposed: Lisa; Seconded: Alison

EGM 2021 – Proposed: Dawn, Seconded: Alastair.

7. Any other business.

7.1 Crafters Bazaar – agreement was sought to support planning for a up to 2 events over the forthcoming year. All agreed.

7.2 Sack trolley – Margaret asked for approval to purchase one for transporting display boards to events and markets. Agreed.

7.3 Comms Group – Sheila asked for a meeting of all those involved in Comms to clarify what was expected when publicising and posting on Facebook and Twitter. Agreed.

7.4 Abundance – Alison is working on her spreadsheets to take the project forward and find new volunteers and make sure produce gets distributed as widely as possible. Dawn offered to help with the spreadsheet working.

7.5 Energy Leaflet funding – agreed. Marches van to be on market on 1st October.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm. Lisa thanked all for attending.