



RAMBLERS

Oxfordshire

**Ramblers' Association, Oxfordshire Area
Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting
Via zoom
1300 hours
22 January 2022**

The Chair introduced the guest speaker Lucy Robinson of the Board of Trustees who gave a presentation which summarized the activities of the Ramblers in the previous year which included the launching of the new brand which together with the new website. The new brand is in partnership with Wellbeing walks which replace Health Walks which is funded by the Postcode Lottery. Lucy stated that despite COVID membership is on the increase and stated that there has been an increase in those attending Online training courses which have been offered by the Ramblers since the start of the pandemic.

Lucy then described what the Ramblers have planned for the future together with the current Campaigns including Access to Nature. This was followed by a short question-and-answer session.

The Chair thanked Lucy for her talk and welcomed everyone to the 44th Oxfordshire Ramblers AGM.

Attendance: Present: Jim Parke (Chair), Rosemary Williams (General Secretary), Richard Birch (Treasurer and Walks Programme Coordinator) and 27 members of the association.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Tony Dale (Oxford), Alie Hagerdorn (Henley & Goring), David Baker (D&W), Judith Palmer (Ox) Margaret Barker & Shelley Crozier (B&K), Jane and Andy Glendale (V)
2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous 2021 AGM.**
Proposed by, Seconded by. The minutes were **approved**
3. **To consider matters arising from the minutes. Item 3 is shelved at present**
4. **Treasurer's report:** To receive and approve the accounts for the year to 30 September 2021
Treasurer's report APPROVED
5. **To receive the Annual Report:** The annual report contained reports by the following officers
 - 5.1. **Chair: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.2. **General Secretary: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.3. **Footpath Secretary: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.4. **Membership Secretary: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.5. **PPW Coordinator: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.6. **Publicity Officer: no person in post**
 - 5.7. **Walks Programme Coordinator:** There was a general discussion about the walks booklet not being published due to walk leaders not wanting to submit walks 6 months in advance and consequence of those members who are not on email not receiving any communication. **REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.8. **Website Officer: REPORT APPROVED**
 - 5.9. **Walking Environment and Access Officer: REPORT APPROVED****Group Reports: ALL REPORTS APPROVED**
6. **To elect the officers of the Area Council:**
 - 6.1. **President:** Professor Sir Muir Gray: **Proposed** by Terry Pollard **Seconded** by Mary Gough: **elected** nem con
 - 6.2. **The following officers were proposed by** Russell Thompson **seconded by** Wendy Mannix **and elected** nem con
Chair Jim Parke; **General Secretary** Rosemary Williams; **Treasurer** Richard Birch; **Footpaths Secretary** David Godfrey; **Website Officer** Pat Lonergan; **Walks Coordinator** Richard Birch; **Membership Officer** Wendy Mannix; **Walking Environment & Access Officer** Terry Pollard; **Members' Representatives (without portfolio);** Steve Walde.

It was noted that the following positions of **Publicity Officer**, and a **Membership Representative** are vacant.

6.3. **Delegates to General Council (2):** Jim Parke, Steve Cox

Proposed by Elaine Steane **Seconded** Mary Gough. **Approved** nem com

6.4. **Group Representatives on Area Council:** These persons have been nominated at their own AGMs:

Banbury & North Oxford, Steve Cox: **Bicester & Kidlington**, Russell Thompson: **Blitz & Klean**, Ian Baldwin: **Didcot & Wallingford**, David Baker: **Henley & Goring**, Alie Hagedoorn: **Hike Oxfordshire**, Matthew Hutton: **Oxford**, Tony Dale; **Oxon Weekend Walkers**, Nicola Copeman: **Thame & Wheatley**, Mike Smith: **Vale of White Horse**, John Gordon: **West Oxfordshire**, Rosemary Clegg:

Proposed by Mary Gough **Seconded** by Terry Pollard **Approved** nem com

7. To appoint an Independent Examiner: Stuart Kenner **Proposed** by Richard Birch **Seconded** by John Gordon **Approved** nem com

8. **To consider motions:** notice of which have been given in writing to the General Secretary in accordance with Rule 12vi of the constitution. No motion had been received.

9. **To consider proposals, which have been sent in advance of the meeting**

10. **To conduct any other permissible business – there was none**

11. **A few words by the Chair**

The chair thanked the committee for their hard work and thanked the outgoing members of the Area Council, in particular Elaine who has resigned as Oxford Chair after 20 years.

12.**AOB:** There was a short discussion regarding members not receiving communication by post from Area now that the walks booklet is no longer being printed and wondered what communication Area is now going to have with members especially those who are not on email. It was suggested that we could distribute the Area Report to members, but this would need to be discussed at Area.

The meeting closed at 1600

Signed

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