



Portmoak Community Woodland Group

Annual General Meeting

18 April 2017

Attendees

Stuart Byers	Nic Cassidy	Alison Bradley	Charlotte Vlasto
Stuart Garvie	Elaine Carruthers	Dave Carruthers	Jeff Gunnell
Louise Batchelor	Dave Batchelor	Sheena Jamieson	

Apologies

Mike McGinnes	Leslie Botten
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Date

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Location

Well Inn, Scotlandwell

1. Election of office bearers

Current Chair:	Jeff Gunnell
Current Secretary:	Louise Batchelor
Current Treasurer:	Lesley Botten

All prepared to serve again. Nominations, proposers and seconds for each position as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<u>Chair</u>	Jeff Gunnell No other nominations Jeff Gunnell elected	Elaine Carruthers	Alison Bradley
<u>Secretary</u>	Louise Batchelor No other nominations Louise Batchelor elected	Dave Batchelor	Elaine Carruthers
<u>Treasurer</u>	Lesley Botten No other nominations Lesley Botten elected	Louise Batchelor	Alison Bradley

This will be the third year for this group as the office bearers. We want to make sure that there is some change from time to time to keep things fresh and not to over burden the incumbents. Two ideas:

- Well in advance of the AGM, anyone who is ready to stand down should let that be known. Encourage others to stand for that position. Make sure that there is an adequate transition / hand over period.
- Everyone should make a list of what they do, how they do it and where the important information is kept. This the beer truck list - so business can carry on if someone gets flattened by a beer truck.

2. Accounts

Submitted by the treasurer, Lesley Botten, and attached.

Opening balance	£4895.39
Closing balance	£6012.92
Surplus for 2016/17	£1117.53

Special item this year: donation by the family and friends of Chris Vlasto of £1170.41. Without this there would have been a deficit of £52.88 for the year.



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Major items contributing to net income were: Burns Supper £824; Christmas trees £930; Vlasto donation £1170.

Major items contributing to net expenditure were: LLLP reprofiling project £1482; Community orchard maintenance £150; apple day £270; ongoing expenses (website) £53.

Overall we are pleased with the state of our finances. We have enough in the bank that we can continue to make our events free of charge, (donations accepted). We can organise the Burns Supper without stressing that we could end up in debt. We can respond rapidly if an important opportunity crops up, like buying more land, matching funding for a project. We can take the lead on things that the WT might not be able to fund.

3. Review of the year

- The Woodland Trust have proposed the next 5-year management plan for Portmoak Moss. We have discussed this in depth and made suggestions back to the WT.
- Many events were put on - for a full list see the website.
- Groups continue to monitor and count insects (moths, butterflies, damsel flies, dragon flies, bees) and birds.

Overall a good mix of management activities and community events.

4. Changes to the constitution

- None proposed