

## **Ore Community Land Trust**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

#### **1. Welcome**

The chair (Peter Chowney) welcomed 7 members and Cllr Julia Hilton to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Lizzie Sargent, Kate Cassidy (Ore in Bloom), Wendy & Stuart Gray, Beverley Elgar-Williams, Jo Howell, Cllr Glen Haffenden, Cllr Mike Turner.

#### **3. Minutes of previous AGM (5<sup>th</sup> March 2022)**

These were agreed as a correct record.

#### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **5. Annual Report**

The Chair presented the Annual Report for the period January 2022-August 2023.

a) A vote of thanks to Gabriella Pettitt and Jim Breeds who have stood down as trustees for their contribution to OCLT was unanimously agreed.

b) Cllr Hilton agreed to investigate Local Nature Reserve designation – whether it would be advantageous and, if so, the process for obtaining it.

c) It was agreed that copies of the Annual Report should be sent to all local councillors and the Leader and Deputy Leader of Hastings Borough Council.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

These were presented and accepted unanimously.

It was agreed that next year's AGM should be held in March/April to bring it closer to the accounting period.

#### **7. Election of Trustees**

The following trustees were elected/re-elected unanimously (RS proposed and TP seconded) Peter Chowney, Becky Polain, Denise Ware, Jo Walker.

#### **8. Motions**

No motions had been submitted

#### **9. Any Other Business**

IS reported on anti-social behaviour in the Wood with tools stores broken into, equipment stolen, vandalism in the community garden, damage to the pond, litter and drug-taking/dealing paraphernalia. The stores have been made more secure with new locks and security bars. CCTV cameras have been tried but vandalised. Police advise the use of cheap dummy cameras for a period. IS is seeking to acquire a small container for tools to be placed on the Elgar land as this will be more secure.

Cllr Hilton suggested investigating funding through the Police & Crime Commissioner for work with young people involved.

Following a short break Ian Sier delivered a presentation on progress with current and future plans.