



Friends of Troopers Hill AGM 2016

Thursday, 1st December, 2016 7.15pm – 9.00pm
Summerhill Methodist Church

Attendees 2016 Committee: Susan, Rob, Norman, Rod, and Margaret
Others: Carol, John, Margaret, Susan, Les, Martin, Kelly

Introduction

Susan introduced the evening and welcomed everyone.

Review of 2016

Rob presented a slide show with photos from the activities of Friends of Troopers Hill over the last year.

Change to Constitution

Rob read out the following proposed amendment to the constitution which was requested by one of the funders of the play area:

‘Income: The group is a not-for-profit organization: funds will only be raised sufficient to meet our aims as stated above. Donations or grants can be accepted and administered by the group for specific not-for-profit projects which benefit the local community, but these will be shown clearly and separately in the group’s accounts. The prior agreement of the group’s committee to undertake such projects will be required, and this should be endorsed, if possible, by any voting members who attend a group meeting’.

This amendment had been agreed at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 11 February 2016 and needed to be ratified at the AGM. A vote was taken and there was unanimous approval for this to be ratified.

Elections

Susan was re-elected as Chair for 2017.

The following committee members were re-elected:

Norman (Treasurer), Margaret (secretary), Rod and Rob.

All were in favour.

Accounts

The current balance is approx. £16,000. This includes money from Veolia Environmental Trust which will be paid to Bristol City Council for the new play area. Also included is £1,000 for the geology interpretation board and £1,000 held on behalf of St George Strollers. This leaves £2,972 which is enough money for events next year, with some reserve for emergencies.

Plans for 2017

Susan talked about some of the plans for 2017. It is hoped to:

- Replace the wooden fence along Troopers Hill Road
- Continue the path on Troopers Hill Field, past the play area to the entrance to the hill
- Repair the surface of the track from Malvern Road entrance and to widen the track as it is hard for wheelchairs at present
- Resurface wheelchair path to chimney as this has become degraded.

Costs will need to be worked out for these, and then funds raised.

Events in 2017 will include a fungi foray, Avon Valley Walk, Bugs and Beasties event and Stargazing.

Finally Susan stressed that more volunteers are needed for the work parties to keep back the encroaching scrub.