Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Sussex Wildlife Trust will be held at The Pump Barn, Seven Sisters Country Park on Saturday 24th October 2015 at 10:30 precisely, for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th October 2014 (Appendix 1).
2. Presentation of the Chairman’s Report.
3. To approve the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the year ended 31 March 2015 and the Report of the Auditors thereon.
4. To approve the Report of the Council presented by the Chairman.*
5. To elect the President.
6. To elect Mike King, Simon Linnington, Crispin Scott and Rhonda Martin as Directors and elect other Directors retiring at this meeting, but offering themselves up for re-election, namely Carole Nicholson, Susan Walton and Chris Warne. Lynnette Leeson and Rendel Williams are retiring at this meeting but not offering themselves up for re-election.
7. Any other candidates for appointment as Director must be duly nominated. (Please see Articles of Association – a).
8. To appoint Baker Tilly as Auditors for the ensuing year.
9. To authorise the Council of Management to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

*During item 4, there will be an opportunity to take general questions from the floor.

Notice of Meeting held on 11th October 2014 (Appendix 1).

To elect Mike King, Simon Linnington, Crispin Scott and Rhonda Martin as Directors and elect other Directors retiring at this meeting, but offering themselves up for re-election, namely Carole Nicholson, Susan Walton and Chris Warne. Lynnette Leeson and Rendel Williams are retiring at this meeting but not offering themselves up for re-election.

Notice is hereby given that the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Sussex Wildlife Trust will be held at Adastra Hall, Hassocks, Saturday 11th October 2014 at 11.45am

b. Every member (other than Junior members) whose subscription is not in arrears and who attends the Meeting is entitled to vote. Corporate members and affiliated members have one vote per membership. Every member entitled to vote has the right to appoint a proxy under section 324 of the Companies Act 2006.

Proxy forms may be obtained from Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, BN5 9SD. A copy of the Articles of Association of Sussex Wildlife Trust can be found on the website sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk in the “About us” section or call 01273 492630 for a hard copy.

By order of the Council of Management, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting, Sussex Wildlife Trust

held at Adastra Hall, Hassocks, Saturday 11th October 2014 at 11.45am

The President of the Trust, David Streeter took the Chair.

1. The President welcomed all attendees. Phil Belden, Alan Stewart, Rendel Williams and Alf & Iris Simpson sent their apologies for absence.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th October 2013 was proposed by Lynnette Leeson, seconded by Susan Walton, AGREED by the meeting.

2. Presentation of the Chairman’s Report.

The Chairman gave a speech on the achievements of the Trust over the last year. The Chairman thanked Sarah Hince, who had retired as Strategy Lead Marketing, and Janys Watson, who had resigned as Strategy Lead Conservation, for their long service and commitment to the Trust. The Chairman welcomed Elvin Bourne, Chief Operating Officer, Mark Barkaway, Strategy Lead Fundraising & Communications and Ian Hepburn, Strategy Lead Conservation Policy to the Trust. He also expressed thanks to his fellow trustees and committee members, the Chief Executive, Strategy Leads and all staff and volunteers. The Chairman also thanked members for their continued and loyal support. Paul Madge, resigned as a Trustee at the AGM and the chairman thanked him for his support to the Trust. In particular the Chairman thanked Alan Stewart who, after 9 years, is standing down as a Trustee for all his hard work as a Trustee and Chair of Conservation Committee.

3. The Honorary Treasurer presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2014, together with the Auditor’s Report. A resolution adopting the accounts was proposed by David Green, seconded by Roger Broad and duly passed.

The Honorary Treasurer thanked the Chief Executive, Strategy Leads and all staff for responding to the financial challenges facing the Trust.

4. The Chairman of Council presented the Report of the Council. Acceptance of the Report of the Council was proposed by Roger Broad, seconded by Lynnette Leeson and AGREED by the meeting.

5. The President was re-elected – proposed by Chris Warne, seconded by John Parry and AGREED by the meeting.

6. To elect the Honorary Treasurer, namely Carole Nicholson, retiring at the meeting but offering herself up for re-election – proposed by John Parry, seconded by Roger Broad and AGREED by the meeting.

7. To elect Emma Montlake as a Director and the retiring members of Council who offered themselves for re-election –

- Emma Montlake – proposed by Carole Nicholson, seconded by David Green and AGREED
- David Green – proposed by Carole Nicholson, seconded by Lynnette Leeson and AGREED
- Lynnette Leeson – proposed by Susan Walton, seconded by Roger Broad and AGREED

Emma Montlake, David Green and Lynnette Leeson were duly elected to Council.

8. The President noted that no other candidates had been nominated for appointment as Director.

9. To approve the proposed amendments to the articles of the Sussex Wildlife Trust by special resolution:

To adopt the amended Articles of Association. The amendments are limited to:

- Article 19.4 – Retirement of DirectorsArticle 23.8 – Proceedings of DirectorsThe amendments were proposed by Susan Walton, seconded by Chris Warne and AGREED.

10. It was proposed by Carole Nicholson, seconded by Lynnette Leeson and AGREED to appoint Baker Tilly as Auditors for the ensuing year.

11. It was proposed by Carole Nicholson, seconded by Roger Broad and AGREED that the Council should be authorised to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

12. The President particularly thanked Alf & Iris Simpson for their work at Ebernoe Common over the last 30 years. Alf, supported by his wife Iris, has been the Volunteer Reserve Manager since 1980 and the Trust is very grateful for all their efforts.

The President thanked Chris Warne for his commitment as Chair of the Council and Alan Stewart for his support of the Trust over many years and as Chair of Conservation Committee. Finally the President made a special mention of the Trust Wildlife Magazine and thanked Amanda Solomon, Communications Manager, for producing such a high quality publication.

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed.