

Friends of Eastcote House Gardens Management Advisory Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2014 in The Stables at Eastcote House gardens.

The meeting started at 8.40pm

Those present

Lesley Crowcroft, Linda Furnell, Joan Butfield, Rosemary Bucksey, Tony Bucksey, Jane Neave, Linda Wells, Ian Murray, Rob Cousins, Keith Barnard, Chris Groom, Cllr. Nick Denys, David Payne, Parvathy Nair, Jenny Gurdon, Susan Toms, Zoe Drewitt Gazette, Cllr. Becky Haggar, Cyril Haggar, Heather Chamberlain, Steve Place, Sue Place.

The Chairman opened the meeting by saying how special it was that for the first time this meeting was being held in the Old Stables.

1. Apologies for absence

Frances Hawkins, Ed Fuller, Marg Bacon, Bob Densley, Cllr. Catherine Dann Mayor of Hillingdon, Adrian Batten LBH, David Bennington, Karen Spink, Gill Hughes, Gerry Edwards, Anne Payne

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2014 were approved.

3. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Picnic, after a very soggy start, was universally judged a great success; good sums of money were raised, stallholders wrote to say what an enjoyable, profitable day they had and asking if they could make bookings for next year. A constant stream of people viewed the dovecote. There had been 50 volunteers on the day, as well as those who had done preparatory work the day before and for weeks ahead of the event. The chairman offered warmest thanks to everybody who had worked so hard.

London in Bloom, Britain in Bloom, and It's Your Neighbourhood. It had been thought that EHG would not enter this year as our efforts recently had been centred on removing plants from the areas where building work is to take place. As winners last year B in B insisted that we should enter this year which means that we will also be inspected by L in B judges. No dates have so far been given.

Hillingdon Local Heroes Award was made to the FEHG. This was thanks to the nomination from Andrew Riley. This award included a grant of £50.

Archaeology Recent emails from the Chairman give details of this and include requests for help from the Friends when local schools visit.

Work on replanting in the beds near the walls. A group is working on the plans for this. Gerry Edwards is ordering espaliers to go against the rebuilt

walls and he will be responsible for looking after the trees. Money for this planting will come from the sums given by Waitrose and another donation of £300.

The Chairman reported that it had been a very busy year with many events, talks and much planting. We were aware of increased community support as well as Raquel Russel Ponte's superb effort in the Paris Marathon on our behalf.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated copies of the audited accounts for the year ending 30th April 2014. Steve Dunn was thanked for his work in auditing them. With the money from the Picnic and £500 donation from E.R.A. which would arrive when the renovation work started The Friends would have £5,500 left to raise in order to complete their share of the money demanded by the HLF. During the building work it will not be possible to run those events which in the past had raised money but other avenues will be explored. It was suggested that pupils from local schools could each be invited to make a small contribution. Parvathy Nair offered to explore this

5. Progress Report

A change to the Constitution of FEHG Management Advisory Group. Voting members of MAG had been circulated with details of the proposal that in addition to the existing membership of the Group that there should be a President. The motion was proposed by L.C., seconded by L.F. This was carried unanimously as was their subsequent proposal that Dr David Payne be elected as the first President.

6. Election of Officers and the Committee. The following were elected for 2014/15

President	Dr. David Payne
Chairman	Lesley Crowcroft
Deputy Chairman	Linda Furnell
Secretary	Jenny Gurdon
Treasurer	Keith Barnard

Other Members of the MAG

Chris Groom	President Eastcote Residents Association
Steve Place	Countryside Conservation

Sue Place Countryside Conservation
Susan Toms Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society

Gerry Edwards Eastcote Park Estate

Rosemary Bucksey

Joan Butfield

Jane Neave

Trevor Dixon Web Master

Frances Hawkins

Gill Hughes Supporters' Secretary

Hon Auditor Steve Dunn.

The meeting ended at 9 pm