



Wandle Valley Forum

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wandle Valley Forum held on Friday 23rd January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Colour House Theatre, Merton Abbey Mills.

Present: There were a total of 35 persons in attendance (below) and 32 apologies were received.

15/01 Chair's Review of the Year

Bruce St. Julian-Bown gave a review of the operation of the Wandle Valley Forum (WVF) for the year. WVF covers the Wandle from Croydon to the Thames. He referred to summaries displayed showing issues addressed by WVF. These included projects which are in progress or have been completed. The Green Grid list shows the full list of projects proposed in the Regional Park so far. WVF supports the Wandle Trust with river clean-ups. A News Update has been issued regularly, with 12 issues done to date. The provision of a website is now overdue.

Bruce confirmed WVF as an umbrella organisation for all groups and organisations in the Wandle Area and has two seats on the Board of Trustees of the Wandle Valley Regional Park (WVRP). WVF supports changes to the Lee Valley precept to transfer resources to the Wandle Valley. It is not a charity but is independent and funded by its members and supporters.

15/02 Replacement of Bruce St. Julian-Bown as Chair of WVF

As part of his resignation speech Bruce expressed his gratitude to the Executive Committee for their assistance in steering the Forum; to Joyce and Zigi for their knowledge of flora, fauna and public open spaces; to the current and previous CEOs of Wandle Valley Regional Park; and to the Wandle Trust, council officers and councillors and the Vice Chair, Melanie. He then introduced Tony Burton as the nominated Chair of WVF who gave a short introductory speech and set out his vision for the future. Tony was unanimously supported by the meeting as the new WVF Chair. Bruce was thanked for his service by John Hawks on behalf of all those present and presented with a token of gratitude.

15/03 Executive Committee

The following members were elected to the Executive Committee:

Tony Burton, Chair
Melanie Nunzet, Vice Chair
Bruce St. Julian-Bown
Angela Gorman
Bob Steele
Zigi Sinette
Ivan Scott
Gideon Reeve

De Nica Fairman was thanked for her recent service on the Executive Committee. In his absence Bob Steele was welcomed as a new member of the Executive.

15/04 Any Other Business

a) Future of LBM Parks Maintenance. The issue of LB Merton contracting out parks maintenance through the South London Waste Partnership was raised and concerns expressed.

b) Croydon. Concern was expressed that recreation grounds within the Croydon area were falling into a state of dereliction.

Attendance

Bruce St. Julian-Bown	Chair	Wandsworth Society
Tony Burton		Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage
Melanie Nunzet	Vice Chair	Friends of Mitcham Common
Angela Gorman	Executive	
Zigi Sinette	Executive	
De Nica Fairman	Executive	Wimbledon Park RA
Ivan Scott	Executive	Wimbledon Park RA
Gideon Reeve	Executive	Wandle Trust
John Hawks		Merton Priory Trust
Peter Wallder		Colour House Theatre
Vicki Carroll		
Jen Wilson	Ramblers	
Carolyn Ives	Ramblers	
Carole Houghton		
Nicholas Hart		Wandle Industrial Museum
Angela Bradbrook		
Peter Alfrey		Beddington Farmlands Bird Group
John Strover		Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage
Sandra Vogel		Mitcham Society and MCGC&H
Frances O'Farrell	Ramblers	
Bill Simpson	Rambler	
Lesley Sorrell		Friends of Ravensbury Park
Sue Morgan		CEO Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust
Alison Cousins		Wandle Industrial Museum
Patricia Cawley	Ramblers	
Keith Southam	Ramblers	
Robert Walker		
Janet Manusardi	MCGC&H	
Joyce Bellamy		Metropolitan Parks & Gardens Association!
Mary Hart		Chapter House
Steve Llewelyn		Wheelhouse
Clare Bradfield		Wheelhouse
Idris Bhatti		Beddington Park HLF project
Craig Nicol		
Debra Loftus		