

**Harrow & Wembley Outdoor Group  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 20 October 2016**

Our Lady & St Thomas Of Canterbury R C Church Hall, 22 Roxborough Park, Harrow

**Outgoing Committee Members**

Chair	Vacant	
Treasurer	Leo S (LS)	Apologies
Programme Planner	Claire A (CA)	Apologies
Information Officer	Phil J (PJ)	Present
Publicity Officer	Nathalie Kanto (NK)	Apologies
Social Secretary	Brian G (BG)	Present
Membership Officer	Mike S (MS)	Present
Secretary	Jeff R (JR)	Present

Item	Subject	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	The Committee members welcomed attendees and introduced themselves.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Review and Acceptance of Minutes from AGM held on 15 October 2015</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	The Minutes were accepted.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Report from Committee Members on Previous Year</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Brian outlined activities for the year -	
<b>3.2</b>	Group membership is 118 full members. The highest for five years.	
<b>3.3</b>	There were 77 new Full members last year, the highest total on record. 72 of them came via Meetup. The Meetup group has again provided a large net income for the group.	
<b>3.4</b>	A new initiative launched this year was the extra communication with new joiners. They were all sent regular updates on new events and asked for feedback on how they were finding the group. Outcome has been a higher retention rate for new members rejoining.	
<b>3.5</b>	We had 80 outdoor events last year. There were 3 special events to commemorate the group's 80th anniversary - an anniversary walk, summer social and weekend in the Peak District. Other highlights were the four camping events which attracted lots of new full members. Our Cotswold Way group also completed their final leg on the long distance national trail.	
<b>3.6</b>	The committee met four times over the year and co-opted a secretary and publicity officer.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Review and Acceptance of Accounts</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	The treasurer had advised that the group had made a surplus of £300 for the year and that full accounts would be	

	presented shortly.	
<b>4.2</b>	A gazebo had been bought as group equipment.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Election of Committee Members</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	Chair Nick G, nominated Brian G, Seconded Mike S	
<b>5.2</b>	Secretary Jeff R, nominated Brian G, Seconded Mike S	
<b>5.3</b>	Treasurer Leo S, nominated Brian G, Seconded Nick G	
<b>5.4</b>	Programme Planner Brian G, nominated Jeff R, Seconded Mike S	
<b>5.5</b>	Information Officer No nominations	
<b>5.5.1.</b>	Phil J said that he was not standing for the Information Officer post again, but he was willing to continue to maintain the website.	
<b>5.5.2.</b>	He said he had also been doing some other things that would need to be done in future by committee members.	
<b>5.6</b>	He agreed to provide the committee with details of all the things that he had been doing as Information Officer.	Phil J
<b>5.7</b>	Publicity Officer Nathalie K, nominated Brian G, Seconded Mike S	
<b>5.8</b>	Social Secretary No nominations	
<b>5.9</b>	Membership Officer Mike S, nominated Jeff R, Seconded Nick G	
<b>6</b>	<b>Discussion and Voting on Motions before the AGM</b>	
<b>7</b>	The two proposals for re-structuring the group were discussed. One proposal was to introduce a points-based system. The other was for a system with a defined number of event organisers.	
<b>7.1</b>	With respect to the points-based system -	
<b>7.2</b>	- It was clarified that organisers do need to pay the event charge for their own event. But they would effectively get it back after points were awarded.	
<b>7.3</b>	- It was agreed that if organisers could provide evidence that payments had already been received for events already on the programme, the event charges would not be applied retrospectively.	
<b>7.4</b>	It was agreed to hold a vote on each of the proposals separately, each versus the status quo. Members could vote for both proposals if they wished. If both proposals achieved a majority, then a further vote would be held to choose between them.	
<b>7.5</b>	Voting strength was established at 13 The points-based system proposal received 11 votes The defined number of organisers proposal received 3 votes	
<b>7.6</b>	Therefore it was decided that the group would introduce the points-based system.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Discussion and Voting on Membership Fees</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	Not required, as membership fees were set as part of the points-based system.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Nomination and Voting on Donation(s) to Charity</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	It was agreed to donate £50 to St Luke's and £50 to an outdoor,	Committee

	walking, helicopter charity, to be determined by the committee.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>10.1</b>	It was confirmed that the requirement for members of more than one year to be members of the YHA remained in force.	
<b>10.2</b>	The group passed a vote of thanks to Phil J for his work on the committee and the website and for agreeing to continue his work on the website.	
<b>10.3</b>	The group passed a vote of thanks to Claire A for her work on the committee.	
<b>10.4</b>	Meeting closed at 10:14pm.	