

# Knighton Wild

## Annual General Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### 1. Attendees

Simon Bennett (Secretary), Alan Cann, Christine Cheetham, John Crookes (Chair), Richard Edwards, Jenny Foxon, Uta Hamzaoui (Committee Member), Bev Hart (Committee Member), Steve Hart (Treasurer), Stuart Mucklejohn, Debbie Sawday, Nicky Thompson

### 2. Apologies

Bob Ball, Jenny Rowe, Keith Rowe, Flick Titley, Hamish Whiteley

### 3. Welcome

John Crookes (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was the first formal AGM of Knighton Wild.

### 4. Minutes of the Launch Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Launch Meeting were tabled and reviewed. Corrections were made to include Pauline Cann in the attendees and remove the word Apologies before the guest speaker. With these amendments, the minutes were accepted unanimously as a true record.

### 5. Chair's Report

The chair presented his report (attached as Appendix 1). The chair thanked the secretary and treasurer for their work during the year.

The chair said that the Bioblitz had been particularly successful and emphasised the importance of the partnership with the City Council and St Mary Magdalen for the wildlife friendly maintenance of the churchyard. He mentioned that funding is being applied for to organise a hedge-laying demonstration in the churchyard.

Comments were made to mention the fact that members had raked up the grass cuttings from last year's final cut of the meadow area in the churchyard, and that an event is planned for June or July to provide a guided tour of the churchyard and its features of value to wildlife, and that the church will provide teas. The Working Group on organising a tree survey has met. It was commented that the work over the past year was very impressive.

The chair's report was accepted unanimously.

### 6. Treasurer's Report

Steve Hart (Treasurer) presented the report (attached as Appendix 2). He pointed out that the bulk of the balance in the accounts (to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017) is the grant from the City Council, not all of which had been spent at that time. The bulk of the expenses are the costs of meetings: room hire and speaker expenses. We have recently had 1,000 leaflets printed, which were used at the Bioblitz and are available for distribution at events and overprinted to publicise events.

It was suggested that the leaflets could be used to recruit new members by putting them through letter boxes. It was agreed to experiment with members putting some through doors in their streets and seeing if this produced new attendees at meetings or members, in which case it would be worth doing more widely. Four members volunteered to distribute leaflets to their streets.

The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

#### 7. Election of Committee

The chair explained that the meeting elects a committee and the committee members then elect officers from among themselves at the first committee meeting of the year. He thanked the previous year's committee for their work, including those who had stood down during the year or were standing down now (Alan Cann, Elizabeth Meadows and Laura Newcombe).

Nominations were received for the following in alphabetical order of surname:

Simon Bennett, Christine Cheetham, John Crookes, Uta Hamzaoui, Bev Hart, Steve Hart, Nicky Thompson.

These members were elected to the committee unanimously.

#### 8. Any Other Business

There was no AOB. The meeting broke for refreshments and the raffle.

#### 9. Speakers

The following members gave short presentations.

Alan Cann – Getting Closer to Knighton's Wildlife

Christine Cheetham - Flora of Knighton (BSBI Atlas Survey)

Simon Bennett – An interesting beetle

It is planned to put the presentations or versions of them on the website.

The chair thanked the speakers and thanked members for attending.