



Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Numbers in attendance circa 16 including 6 committee members and 6 group members

Apologies

Jackie Glenn

Minutes of the last AGM 22nd April 2021

Proposed Valerie Holt Seconded Martin Price and agreed

Matters arising from the minutes

None

Chairman's Report

Again it has been a funny old year with no summer fetes, no Spring Fair and a very, very limited walks programme. There has been very little Out and About, although we did enter two Christmas Tree festivals and attend the Edwalton Community day promoting the Trust and nature conservation and also went to the Ruddington Christmas Fair; as part of these activities sold £311 of woollen knitted goods.

SNG has been increasingly active online and this year we ran a full 6 month talks programme (using the Notts Wildlife Trust's ZOOM subscription), drawing on speakers from all over the country on a variety of topics from Scotland to South Africa and Hedgehogs to Wildflowers. It proved reasonably popular, attracting an average audience of 36 logins (equal to more than 40 people in total).

We have set up a Facebook account, promoting the Local Group and Notts Wildlife Trust, and also featuring activities of other Rushcliffe-based Friends of wildlife groups, in effect promoting the Rushcliffe nature conservation community. This sits alongside our web site (www.southnottswildlife.org.uk) and our monthly E Mail newsletter.

During the year the SNG committee was joined by Bill Logan (Sharphill Wood), but Judith Booth stood down after many years' service for health reasons. In addition, after circa 25 years on the committee, Gordon Dyne will be standing down for personal reasons, but will continue to be warden at Wilwell and be involved in the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy, as well as leading some of SNG's walks. Valerie Holt has agreed to take over the role of Chair. But my direct involvement in so much of the group's activities has led to a review of activities and quite a lot of hand over work in the past six months.

SNG has decided that the Spring Fair is no longer viable in terms of the inputs required as takings have remained unchanged for the last few years and the Trust's requirement for matched funding seems to have diminished. SNG has also decided to cease going out to summer fetes as aging kit, plus transport and erection problems are a major logistical issue.

So going forward the emphasis will be on the promotion of interest in the work of Notts Wildlife Trust, wildlife and nature conservation. SNG has put together a full walks programme for this year, including open days at Wilwell and Bunny Wood. The group are also working on a talks programme for the winter of 2022/23. The decision has been made to keep this online for at least the coming year, partly because the meeting room talks barely broke even over the previous four years and the broader range of speakers available from all over the country. Full details will be found on the South Notts Wildlife web site and Facebook page in due course.

And finally as my last act as chair I would like to thank everybody on the committee past and present for their support and efforts over many years, but also other volunteers and Trust staff etc who have contributed to the work of the Local Group and helped make it fun, interesting and productive and most importantly wish the committee good fortune going forward.

Gordon Dyne Chair - South Notts Local Group (Notts Wildlife Trust)

No questions arising. Acceptance proposed John Ellis Seconded Chris Overton No objections



Treasurer's Report

Obviously because of Covid most of our normal operations were curtailed during 21/22. However our Talks programme continued on line and we made a healthy surplus of £195. We continued to sell knitted goods at the few events we attended – Edwalton Church and Ruddington Fair and members sold them for us. Total sales amounted to £311. Dennis Cox also held a plant sale and raised £130 for which we were very grateful.

We managed to send over £1000 to Notts Wildlife Trust to go towards their Youth activities and we also made a payment to Keeping it Wild of £100.

Our bank balance as at 31st March 2022 was £1399.84 and we will be making a decision in the near future about a donations to the Trust

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST - SOUTH NOTTS GROUP

Income Expenditure 1st April 2021 -- 31st March 2022

INCOME

	2021-22	2020-21
Talks (takings)	545.67	556.28
Donations	42.50	0.00
Spring Fair	0.00	0.00
Spring Fair floats	0.00	0.00
Grants	627.00	806.25
Knitted Badgers		0.00
Collecting box		0.00
Quiz night		25.00
Knitted Goods	311.00	160.00
Reserves funding		0.00
Pebbles	6.00	13.00
Plants sales	130.00	788.41
Misc		2.29
Trans	-24.95	
Total	1637.22	2351.23

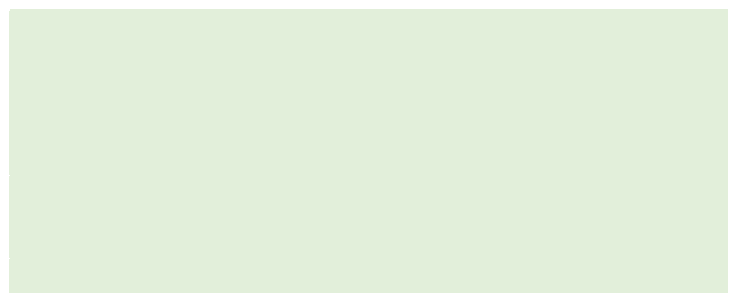
EXPENDITURE

	2021-22	2020-21
Talks (Speakers)	350.00	235.12
Admin	0.00	0.00
Spring Fair	0.00	0.00
Spring Fair floats	0.00	0.00
Misc	0.00	0.00
Events	0.00	0.00
NWT Donation	1000.00	900.00
Quiz night	0.00	0.00
Equipment	16.99	0.00
Reserves funding	627.00	806.24
AGM	0.00	0.00
Keeping it Wild	100.00	100.00
Test new on line banking	0.00	0.01
Reserve work (IW)	20.89	2.29
Total	2114.88	2041.36

Surplus for year -477.66

NWT donation went to KIW

Bank Reconciliation		
Opening Balance 1/4/21		1877.50
Plus Credits	1637.22	
Less debits	2114.88	
31/03/2022		1399.84





BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/21

Balance at bank	1877.50	Balance b/fwd	1569.93
loss for year	<u>477.66</u>	Surplus for year	<u>307.57</u>
	<u>1399.84</u>		<u>1877.50</u>

Signed

Treasurer

V.L.Holt

Dated

12th April 2022

V.L.Holt

No questions arising. Acceptance Proposed Gordon Dyne Seconded Margie Richards No objections

Election of Committee

Make up of committee proposed, but point was made that the Group constitution allows for a maximum of 12 members and the Chair would be interested in hearing from anyone interested in joining.

Valerie Holt	Chair/Treasurer	Jackie Glenn	Secretary	
Margie Richards		Neil Glenn		Martin Price
Chris Overton		Alan Hurst		Bill Logan

ZOOM poll taken 12 voting to accept no objections no abstentions

Any other business

- Forthcoming Events (included on announcement slides at start)
 - Sat 30th April Dawn Chorus Walk at Sharpill Wood with John Ellis 6.30 am
 - Sat 29th May Keyworth Meadows walk with Neil Pinder 9.30 am
 - Sat 29th May Grizzled Skipper walk at Bingham Linear Park with Jenny Craig 10 am
 - Sat 4th June Wilwell Farm Cutting Open Day 10 am till 4 pm

For more details on these visit www.southnottswildlife.org.uk

- Appeal by NWT for volunteers to help at the Notts County Show at Newark on 14th May
- Appeal by NWT for members to sign a petition to the Government to set better targets for nature recovery

For more details on these visit www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org

Valerie Holt thanked Gordon Dyne for his service and commitment including 22 years as Chair of the Group. The committee will sort out with GD a little get together for a more formal presentation.

We were then joined by Janice Bradley, Northern Nature Recovery Manager for Notts Wildlife Trust, who gave a talk about the Beaver Introduction Project at Idle Valley. The talk was recorded and viewing of the recording will be available online with funds raised donated to the Beaver Project.