

MINUTES OF THE EGRETS WAY AGM  
UTC Harbourside Newhaven BN9 0DF  
9th June 2017

1. APOLOGIES:

Jan Knowlson (SDNPA), Alison Thorpe (SDNPA), Alister Linton-Crook (SDNPA), Mayor of Lewes, Cllr. Michael Chartier, Sarah Murphy (South Downs YHA Manager), Rachel Harrison, Alison Clish Green, Lewes Town Cllr Ruth O Keefe, Hilary Pierce, Irene Marot, Roy Neeve

2. Minutes of the EW AGM meeting held on 29th April 2016 were approved.

3. ANNUAL REPORT Chairman Neville Harrison presented the Trustees Annual Report which had been posted on the Egrets Way website for members to read in advance. The chair thanked the UTC for hosting our AGM and for organising tours of the new building. A review of EW progress was presented including the opening of the new Southease Bridge to Chapel Barn Piddinghoe section of shared path in May 2016. . Although no new sections had been constructed in the last year the Chair referred to families with children, and other users, who were enjoying safe traffic-free cycling and walking in a beautiful landscape and was optimistic that funding would be found to complete the path. The SDNPA Cycling Ambition Project team and Sustrans were thanked for their on-going support as were the landowners for agreements to allow use of their land. The EW project has now been identified as a priority shared cycle route in the National Park and various funding sources are being explored.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT Mick Long presented the Financial Report which was approved.

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The following trustees stood down as required by or constitution: John Parry (Linklater Pavilion, Lewes) and Zara Luxford (Rodmell) and were re-elected.

Trustees continuing are Wendy Brewer (KRACRA) Barbara Dart (Kingston) Susan Neville Harrison (Southease Parish Meeting) Mick Long (Seaford) and Susan Thompson (Iford and Swanborough)) The following co-opted committee members were confirmed : Steve St Clair (Piddinghoe) and Alex Wolfson/ Julie Carr (Newhaven), Alister Linton-Crook ( South Downs National Park's Cycling Officer). 6. AOB The chairman responded to a number of questions from the floor.

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7. The AGM was followed by a wide-ranging and engaging talk by Trevor Beattie CEO of the South Downs National Park "Tourism, Access and the Economy in a Modern National Park"

Before the AGM a guided tour of the UTC Heritage building took place. As it was oversubscribed a further tour was conducted after the meeting.

50 - 60 members and supporters attended the AGM.