

## MINUTES OF THE EGRETS WAY AGM

The Hillcrest Centre Newhaven 14th April 2015

### 1. APOLOGIES:

Rod Lambert, Rachel Sadek,

2. Minutes of the EW AGM meeting held on September 20th 2013 were approved.

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT

Neville Harrison presented the Trustees report which had been posted on the Egrets Way website for members to read in advance.

He reported that we had now become a registered charity (charity number 1155182) with trustees, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Planning application (SDNP/14/01443/FUL) for the whole route had been unanimously approved in June .

The South Downs National Park and Sustrans were acknowledged as valuable partners in helping to progress the 2nd phase linking Rodmell and Southease. This "Paths for Communities" NE funded bridleway section was opened at Southease by Gus Christie followed by a well-attended event at Monks house (NT) in Rodmell.

Planning for the 3rd phase of the project is well underway and with landowner support, construction is due to start in the autumn.

There are still challenges ahead, specifically in finding a suitable route through Piddinghoe, but the trustees are optimistic that more of the Egrets Way will soon be available to be enjoyed by all.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was approved.

### 5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Alister Linton-Crook, SDNP Cycling Officer chaired the election of trustees.

During the year Jenny Leon has moved away and Barry Lambert, David Wilkinson, Andy Lock had resigned. Katherine Mondon would also be resigning.

The CIO constitution required all Trustees to resign at the first AGM but could be re-elected.

The following were re-elected or elected as the new trustees:

Neville Harrison (Southease Parish Meeting)  
Wendy Brewer (KRACRA)  
Elle Osborne (Kingston)  
Susan Thompson (Iford and Swanborough)

John Parry (Linklater Pavilion, Lewes)  
Barbara Dart (Kingston)  
Noel West (Pidddinghoe)

Alister Linton-Crook would be attending meetings as the South Downs National Park's Cycling Officer funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

6. AOB

The chairman responded to a number of questions from the floor.

7. The AGM was followed by a talk by John Parry "The Egrets Way - a unique contribution to the Lower Ouse". In his interesting talk Dr Parry explored some exciting environmental educational possibilities for the riverside route.