

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

At the old Methodist Church on Wednesday 18 January 2012

1. **Present:** Brycchan Carey (Group Co-ordinator), Bridget Mappley, Chris Barker, Chris Bowden, Peter Condon, Jennifer Docherty, John Hammond, Nick Hardiman, Anna Mercer, John Mercer, John Mossman, Sarah Sanders, Chris Smith.

2. **Apologies:** Alison Blake, Mike Brettle, Bridget Smith.

The Co-ordinator opened the meeting at 2015.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** the Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

4. **Business arising from the minutes:** there was no business arising.

### 5. Co-ordinator's report:

5.1. GEAG's continued existence was an important fact. GEAG is now one of the established groups of Gamlingay and a necessary part of any consultation in the village.

5.2. GEAG has been the source of several reports, which are saved on the website.

5.3. GEAG has been closely involved in debates on subjects such as future of the Gamlingay Village College, Green End development, transport (see survey).

5.4. GEAG hosted several speakers at meetings during the year, subjects included: population, S Cambs sustainability, RSPB.

6. **Treasurer's report:** the meeting accepted the accounts in the absence of the Treasurer.

### 7. Subcommittee reports:

7.1. Nick H reported on the results of the Transport survey: that there is broad support for the cycle path to Sandy, better bus services and community services. He had responded to the Central Beds survey of bus services, consulted on improved signing of bus stops and on adjusting bus services to co-ordinate with train arrival times. He looked forward to progress by Sustrans on the bicycle path.

7.2. John Mercer reported on progress with the Gamlingay EcoHub: the building was nearly finished; £1100 income already generated by the PV panels; bookings already made almost sufficient to match the building's projected outgoings for the 1st year.

7.3. Sarah reported on the GEAG bicycle ride: 4-5 hours, 15 riders, some rain, total success.

7.4. Peter C had reported for the Gamlingay Gazette on the visit to the Swaffham wind turbine (Ecotricity installation).

7.5. Mike Brettle, Carbon Tsar, was away from Gamlingay during the week but was active for the group at weekends.



8. **Constitutional Changes:** several minor changes were agreed (see attached sheet).

9. **Group Officers:** the following officers were (re-)elected.

- 9.1. Mike Brettle (absent) had indicated that he was willing to continue as Green Living rep /Carbon Tsar and was duly re-elected.
- 9.2. Peter Condon was elected Treasurer in place of Alison Blake (retired).
- 9.3. Nick Hardiman was re-elected Transport rep.
- 9.4. Jennifer Docherty, John Mercer and Sarah Sanders were elected ordinary members of the Management Committee.
- 9.5. Chris Barker was appointed auditor to the Group.

10. **Next Meeting:** it was agreed that the AGM would be moved to January from December, exact date to be organised by the Co-ordinator.

The Co-ordinator closed the meeting at 2055.

Chris Barker

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# Gamlingay Environmental Action Group

## Changes to GEAG Constitution at December 2011 AGM

	Existing Constitution	Proposed Change
p.3	<p>The following officers shall be elected at each AGM</p> <p>Co-ordinator Treasurer Co-ordinators of <i>ad hoc</i> working parties. In some cases, working parties may have more than one co-ordinator; in these cases, all or any of the co-ordinators, but at least one, may be elected to the Management Committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall normally consist of the above officers and a minimum of two and up to a maximum of five other Ordinary Members who shall be elected at the AGM. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three additional Members, who may be Ordinary Members or Co-ordinators of <i>ad hoc</i> working parties, to the Committee. Co-opted members of the Committee will be required to stand for election at the subsequent AGM.</p>	<p>The following officers shall be elected at each AGM</p> <p>Co-ordinator Treasurer Up to five 'Issue Representatives'. These may include, but are not limited to, 'Transport Representative', 'Energy Representative', 'Ecohub Representative', 'Wildlife and Conservation Representative', and 'Planning Representative'.</p> <p>The Committee shall normally consist of the above officers and a minimum of two and up to a maximum of five other Ordinary Members who shall be elected at the AGM. During the course of the year, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three additional Members, who may be Ordinary Members or Issue Representatives, to the Committee. Co-opted members of the Committee will be required to stand for election at the subsequent AGM.</p>
pp. 3-4	<p><b>Full-Member Meetings</b></p> <p>The Management Committee shall from time to time call Full-Member Meetings open to all members at which reports shall be heard from officers of the Management Committee and at which GEAG policy shall be deliberated. Such meetings may also be referred to as 'Action Meetings'.</p> <p>Voting at Full-Member Meetings shall be by a show of hands. In the event of a tie, the Co-ordinator or an appointed deputy shall decide.</p> <p>The Management Committee, or their duly appointed <i>ad hoc</i> working parties, shall be responsible for putting policy agreed on at Full-Member Meetings into effect.</p>	<p><b>Full-Member Meetings</b></p> <p>The Management Committee may from time to time call Full-Member Meetings open to all members at which reports shall be heard from officers of the Management Committee and at which GEAG policy shall be deliberated.</p> <p>Voting at Full-Member Meetings shall be by a show of hands. In the event of a tie, the Co-ordinator or an appointed deputy shall decide.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall be responsible for putting any policy agreed on at Full-Member Meetings into effect.</p>
p. 6	<p>(iii) hear, discuss, and put to the vote any proposals for amendment of the constitution. Any changes to the constitution will take immediate effect after the conclusion of the AGM</p>	<p>(iii) hear, discuss, and put to the vote any proposals for amendment of the constitution. Any changes to the constitution will take immediate effect.</p>