

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
of Derrington Way Ahead Group  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**

**Present:** Roy Wood, Helen Sammons, Karen Davies, Sheena Davis, Ann Cotton, Jennifer Hilditch, Karen Davies, Ann-Marie Tallent, Andy and Heather.

**Apologies:** Rob Hine, Maggie Overton, Diane Gear, Shaun Firkin, Sue Challinor, Cheryl Birks, Olive Harvey, Ray Sutherland.

### **1 Welcome by the Chairperson**

Roy Wood chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Village Hall.

### **1 Treasurer's Report**

Sheena gave a report of the year's accounts including receipts and payments and handed out the Financial Statement. If you would like a copy please contact Sheena 07814996081 or Karen 07854911929. The Chair thanked Sheena for her Report.

### **2 Election of Officials**

- a) The outgoing officials (Chair – we have a rolling Chair, though often this task is undertaken by Cheryl Birks; Treasurer – Sheena Davis; Secretary – Karen Davies), were thanked for their work over the year.
- b) Nominations for and approval of posts: there were no new nominations for these posts so previous post-holders were returned unopposed.

### **3 Secretary's Report**

Karen gave a slide show of the year's activities and projects, including:

- \* displays at 'Community Energy Fortnight', September 2015 and 'One World Week', October 2015
- \* presentation (by Cheryl, Sheena and Rob) to the 'West Midlands Green Communities Network' (c/o Sustainability West Midlands in Birmingham), October 2015
- \* Support/help in creating new path, which has been created to replace the access to the Greenway lost when the Red Lion pub was sold
- \* Refurbishment, mending, re-staining Village Trail panels
- \* Cleaning, strimming, Village Gateways signs, cycle parking stands etc
- \* Barn Owl Talk, Jan 2016
- \* Tit boxes, Tawny Owl and Barn Owl boxes erected and monitored, Spring 2015 and 2016
- \* Wild About Derrington Family Wildlife Day April 2016
- \* Community Litter Pick, April 2016
- \* Ongoing: Health Walk every Wednesday, Solar Panels, IT support via Pete Bray, recycling at the Village Hall etc
- \* Duddas Wood Path: main current project.

The idea is to create an all year round path, to enable access by people with mobility

issues or using wheelchairs, electric scooters or pushchairs etc. The clayey ground means that the rides are often very slippery and treacherous in wet weather esp in the winter. Lots of work has already taken place:

- \* liaison with Woodland Trust
- \* design/materials/costing
- \* planning permission
- \* raising funds/application for grants (we have been awarded £10,000 funding from Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant)
- \* keeping it 'green'
- \* Watch this space!



Future upcoming events and activities include:

- ❖ **Bat Walk**, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June, SWT, Wolseley, 9-11pm
- ❖ CPRE **Landscape Photography Competition**, deadline Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June
- ❖ **Festival of Refashioning and Repair**, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am - 4pm
- ❖ **Staffordshire Badger Group** event, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Market Square
- ❖ **Green Awards** deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- ❖ **Talk on Bees**, Derrington Village Hall, date tbc
- ❖ Work in other neighbourhoods and communities, informed through experiences of Derrington as a pilot project. Current focus **'We Love Littleworth!'**



The Chair thanked Karen for her presentation.

#### 4 AOB and date of next meeting:

The issue of future maintenance of the Greenway was raised, as SCC is looking for alternative ways of managing its green spaces, Country Parks etc. How can they be managed in the future?

Green Awards, 20<sup>th</sup> year, should we apply this year, deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> July

The meeting ended with refreshments, tea, coffee and cakes. Thanks to Sheena for organising refreshments and cakes and everyone who helped throughout the evening.

**Our website – ever had a look? If not, have a look!!**

[www.derringtonvillage.co.uk/](http://www.derringtonvillage.co.uk/)

And <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/sustainable-communities>

**Next meeting:** September date TBC

