

Summary Minutes of the Committee Meeting 7.30 pm on Monday 29 January 2023

via zoom

4.0 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Some of the key points from the Report were:

Membership: 109 members 31 December 2023, compared with 119 on 31 December 2022.

Voluntary Donations: £405 for asset replacement (£270 in 2022).

GOBF: Capital is £2733.98, total available for grants is £489.46.

Income and Expenditure: Total income to January 2023 was £3350. Expenditure was £3302. The budgeted expenditure for 2024 is £4222.

5.0 Items for Consideration/Discussion

<u>Love Nature Day Howe Park Wood:</u> It was agreed to provide an MKNHS presence on this day and Matt will ask for volunteers at our Cruck Barn meetings.

<u>Local Nature Recovery Strategy:</u> Mervyn agreed to keep the Committee informed of the details of forthcoming workshops and any communications with the organisers.

<u>OU TreeLab Project:</u> Phil Wheeler & Kirsty Forshaw OU are leading this project (A Novel Engaged Urban Forest Research Programme - the benefits of urban forests and their management). Mervyn will keep members informed of any correspondence on the matter.

<u>Website:</u> Linda agreed to send to Committee members, a 'final' website homepage and ask for any final comments.

<u>Facebook:</u> Bob gave a brief report about Facebook. There are 238 members. About 70% of the posts are from MKNHS members. It was felt that Members could participate more in contributing posts.

6.0 AOB

Meetings for 2024: 25 March (AGM), 17 June, 14 October.

<u>Book Sales:</u> Matt and Martin are still working on Colin's book collection and it is hoped that there will be a book sale in March.