

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Southwater Country Park starting directly after our task

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of previous AGM
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Re-election of officers:
  - a) Mike Cattell and David Jessop retire as required by the HGG Constitution and offer themselves for re-election
  - b) Hal Jones and Julian Thompson offer themselves for election as committee members
7. Any other business

**The objectives of Horsham Green Gym -**

- Conserve and improve open spaces for biodiversity and recreational use and the enjoyment of local people.
- To promote practical conservation through its volunteers for the benefit of the public.
- Improve individuals' physical and mental health so they can play a greater role in their community.
- Enable members to gain knowledge and learn practical environmental skills together with wider social skills.
- Enable local people to lead and run the Green Gym in a sustainable way.

**Sites visited during the past year:** (the first five, several times)

Warnham LNR • Owlbeech Wood • Leechpool Wood • Southwater CP • Chesworth Farm • Easteds Lane, Southwater • Cootes Pond • Bennetts Road allotments • Gorrings Brook • Bartholomew Way • River Arun, Memorial Gardens • Station Road Gardens, Billingshurst • Tilletts Lane butterfly reserve • Robert Way • Slinfold Primary school • Motte & Bailey • Holders Close, Billingshurst •

**Committee members who have served in the past year:**

Mike Cattell, Chris Garner, David Jessop, Gwen Lewis, John Matthews,  
Andy Meadus, David Searle, Dick Simmons

## **Hon Treasurer's report for the year ending 31st March 2015**

### ***£67 more expenditure for the year than income.***

During the year our income from donations was £600 which was down from the £1,220 received last year. Our expenditure on new equipment, refreshments and social events was £690 which was £608 less than last year.

£22 was received from the sale of clothing. The deficit of £67 for the year left us with a year-end bank balance of £331.

During the year Horsham District Council paid our TCV insurance amounting to £159. Taking into consideration donations from site owners Horsham Green Gym has sufficient funds to cover anticipated expenditure for the current year.

I am grateful to Ray Dunscombe for examining the accounts for us and he has indicated that he is happy to do this again next year. If there are any detailed questions I will be happy to answer them.

**Mike Cattell – Hon Treasurer.**

## **Chairman's report for the year ending 31st March 2015**

### ***Digging, wheeling, carrying, pushing, pulling, mattocking – Oh! and having fun***

The BIG news in August was the completion of The Path at Warnham! About 260 metres long, it has been admired and approved by many visitors, some of whom have been keen to let HGG members know how much the work has improved this once muddy track.

Soon after it was finished, it was announced that a continuation down the hill and back to the foot of the steps would be useful (and keep us out of mischief). We started work in April this year but Dick's absence meant a slight deterioration in the quality standards for a week. Others stepped in and we are, literally, back on track. We look forward to Dick's return to HGG when he is fit.

Your continuing enthusiasm, hard work, friendliness and attention to the requirements of the task are all appreciated. Whatever you do on a HGG morning, I hope you enjoy every minute.

I very much appreciate the preparation, thought and practical help provided by Ryan - the "Works Manager" - backed up by Jake, Stuart and Sam and the support of Steve and others in Parks & Countryside of HDC and thank them on your behalf.

I want to thank all members of your committee, for their work and willingness to take responsibility and Dick for his leadership of the Tuesday group.

Most importantly, I want to thank all the members of Horsham Green Gym for their time and energy each week and their contribution to such a happy group. Thank you to you all.

I feel sure that the year will be another happy and successful one for Horsham Green Gym.

p.s. have you bought your BBQ ticket yet?

**David Jessop - Chairman**

**MINUTES OF AGM - YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014** *(yet to be approved)*

held on 18<sup>TH</sup> November 2014 at Southwater Country Park

**Present:** David Jessop (DJ); Mike Cattell (MC); Chris Garner (CG); Dick Simmons; John Matthews; David Searle (DS); Gwen Lewis; and 15 HGG members. Ryan Allison and Lorna West (HDC countryside wardens).

**Apologies for absence:** Martin Breese; John Aldridge; Julian Thompson; Sue Haffenden; Graham McDougall; Philip Ayerst; Peter & Helen Cox.

**Welcome:** DJ thanked everyone for attending the 7<sup>th</sup> AGM and he also thanked Ryan and all the countryside wardens for their invaluable support throughout the year.

**Minutes of the last AGM :** held 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013, which had previously been circulated were unanimously approved and were duly signed by DJ as a true record.

**Chairman's report:** as previously circulated

**Treasurer's report:** as previously circulated. Since the report was written we have received donations from Bennetts Road Allotments £50; Peter Tobutt £100 plus £50 for a future job on the Downslink. MC said although it looks good now the balance will soon come down because of the cost of new tools and Christmas dinner/drinks. CG suggested it would be a good idea to thank Ray Dunscombe for auditing our accounts. MC said he would write to him to convey those thoughts.

**Re-election of officers:** CG was willing to stand again and was duly re-elected.

Andy Meadus was proposed as a new committee member by DJ, seconded by JM, and duly elected.

**Any other business:** DS said that the good name of HGG has travelled far outside Horsham.

GL mentioned it was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HGG in March 2014 and perhaps we could have a cream tea to celebrate. DJ agreed and asked for any other ideas on how to celebrate it.

Meeting closed 13.26