

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MARSTON VALE TRUST**

**HELD AT 5.30pm ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**AT THE FOREST CENTRE**

Members present:

Debbie Hassall (Chairman), Fiona Chapman MBE DL, Nigel Davis, Gordon Johnston, Bob Wallace

MVCOG represented by Joan Ferguson

Forest Team represented by Sam Hayden

Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust represented by Margaret Goose

BRCC represented by Janet Ridge

In attendance

Nick Webb (Company Secretary)

Members of the Forest Volunteers

Members of the Forest Team

Members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mark Burrows-Smith, Stewart Briggs, Peter Faulkner, Prof. William Stephens and Elizabeth Wiggins.

**2. Chairman's Review of the year 2012-13**

Debbie Hassall gave a review of some of the highlights and achievements of the year. There were no questions from members or the general public after the review.

**3. Marston Vale Trust's Annual Report, Financial Statement and Auditors Report for 2012 - 2013.**

The Annual Report, Financial Statement and Auditors Report of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 were submitted to the Meeting. Gordon Johnston proposed that they be adopted. Joan Ferguson seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously by the members present.

**4. Appointment of Directors**

The following Trustees confirmed that they are prepared to serve for a further year:

Stewart Briggs	Debbie Hassall
Mark Burrows-Smith	Gordon Johnstone
Fiona Chapman MBE DL	Prof. William Stephens
Nigel Davis	Bob Wallace
Peter Faulkner	

Gordon Johnstone proposed that the above named Trustees should be appointed for a further year. This proposal was seconded by Sam Hayden and carried unanimously by the members present.

**5. Appointment of Auditors**

Debbie Hassall explained that Haysom Silverton and Partners who were appointed and audited last years accounts, have merged and are now known as Hillier Hopkins. It was proposed by Nigel Davis that Hillier Hopkins be appointed as auditors for a further year. Fiona Chapman seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the members present.

**6. AOB**

A question was raised by a member of the public regarding a flooding of a footpath, Anna Charles as Millennium Park Head ranger acknowledged the problem and agreed it would be looked into. There being no further business, the meeting was drawn to a close by the Chairman with thanks to all who had attended but particularly to the Volunteers, the Forest Team and the Trustees, all of whom had worked tirelessly to make the Trust such a success.

Signed by Nick Webb (Company Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Debbie Hassall (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_