

St Ives Orchard and Nature Reserve Community Group

Annual General Meeting

21st November 2018

7pm Café Art, the Drill Hall

Attendees: Elise Langley (Treasurer) Mattee Poachee, Melanie Frankell (interim chair), Gill Scott Anderson (secretary), Duwayne Langley, Rupert Manley, Angela Challacomb

Apologies: Senara Wilson Hodges

1. Welcome from the chair
2. Review of the minutes of the previous AGM
Minutes reviewed and approved as accurate

3. Treasurer Report (attached to minutes – appendix 1)

The group recorded their thanks to Elise Langley and Melanie Frankell for the production of the accounts and cash reconciliation. The group reviewed the Treasurers statement and detailed accounts. The group now have a debit card so it is easier to track spend. Due to the huge success of Apple day in October 2018, the accounts are showing a favourable balance of £1081.00

MF questioned whether the group were self-sustaining from events without reliance on the success of grant applications. The treasurer confirmed that the day to day running could be covered by event income but we would still apply for grants to cover larger expenditure requirements.

The St Ives Orchard and community Group accounts will be posted on line

<https://www.stivesorchard.co.uk/meetings-reports/>

4. Re-elections:

Invitations were received for the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary:

Elise Langley stepped down from role of Treasurer and Gill Scott Anderson proposed Melanie Frankell for the role, seconded by Rupert Manley.

Angela Challacomb proposed Elise Langley for the role of chair and Mattee Poachee seconded this.

Gill Scott Anderson was re-elected to the role of secretary.

AGM ended 7.15pm

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1. Review of minutes from last meeting and matters arising discussed.

£50 limit on debit card re-confirmed as upper limit for spend by the treasurer

First Aid training is to be sourced locally. Mattee Poachee confirmed that she would investigate options for outdoor first aid training.

The green roof which will be located on the shed is to be planted by Duwayne Langley in the springtime.

The minutes were signed off as accurate.

2. **Site report:**

Volunteering:

65 working parties have been held to date which equates to 375 volunteer hours

Time credit vouchers are now available for volunteers and can be exchanged for activities i.e. Leisure centre entry

There have been 4 school groups visiting the site

Duke of Edinburgh volunteer groups (year 9 and college students)

A horticulture student is doing work experience at the orchard

Live West - Cornwall Council volunteers

The site has benefited from all this work. Pruning will start in the New Year.

The wheal Buzzy project are keen to do a working party in the orchard in February, they are interested in habitats for solitary bees.

The next working parties will concentrate on the area above the skate park and the bramble patch above the bee hives.

A pond has been created this year. MP wondered if we could build an oblique roof with a gutter to feed rainwater into the pond? This will be looked into, Matthew Stevens who owns the adjacent factory buildings has offered to have guttering running off his buildings to collect rainwater for the orchard.

4 Tree planting:

Trees from Eforest: - 30 of each: Hawthorn, Sea buckthorn, Cherry Plum, Crab Apple.

- 50 Osier Willow, 30 Rowan, 15 Hazel, Elder and Alder trees and 10 x Holly & 10 Sessile Oak trees -

- 10 black & 10 white current bushes, 10 raspberries

5 Events:

-Wassail 14th Jan

- South Korean filming – came and interviewed and filmed in the orchard. TV documentary about the future of coastal villages, how old fishing villages have changed, focusing on how community make efforts to change, protect and develop the town in positive ways.

- Flower felt workshop and an talk about '**Bees in Trees**' from Simon Kellam in Café Art

- Spring Equinox 20th March - walk up to the top of Penbeagle Hill

- Discovery of the Boundery stones while planting trees and clearing parts of the stone walls.
inscription: Boundary Stones E & P Best 1922 and Boundary Stones EH Best JP.Dr P Best 1926.

- Easter fun day & willow weaving – 5th April

- Orchard was one of the gardens of the Secret Gardens of St Ives – 16th / 17th June

- Apple day – 2nd Sept

- Autumn Equinox 21st Sept

Events coming up – Wassail to plan

6 Management Plan

Wheal Buzzy project officer for AONB & Patrick Saunders from Kernow Ecology provided a survey & recommendations for the Orchard & Nature Reserve. Can be viewed on <https://www.stivesorchard.co.uk/maps-surveys>

7 Paths / creating a new circular route in nature reserve

Public right of way to Halestown – get statements from people who have used the path for 20 years as this is the requirement for a PRoW to be declared.

8 Date of Next Meeting : 28th March 2019