

# Flitch Way Action Group



*connecting the Flitch Way*

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(Registered charity no 1172012)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 19th February 2024

### **Present:**

**Trustees:** Stuart Withington, Chair (SW), Sarah Hodgson Secretary (SH), Valdis Belinis (VB), Stephen Skinner (SS) (until 7pm), Dave Webber (DW) Trudi Hughes President, FWAG

**Guests:** Martin Crisp (MC), Essex Bridleways Association Bridleways Development Officer,

**Apologies:** Sandra Lloyd Treasurer (SL), Sandra Reynolds (SR), Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Sarah Potter ECC PROW

**Absent:** Alexander Armstrong, Shaun Pledger (SP), David Beedle (DB)

The meeting, chaired by SW opened at 6.35pm.

The minutes of the AGM on 20.02.23 were approved.

SW welcomed our guests and gave the chair's report.

SL's treasurer's report was reviewed and approved in her absence.

In accordance with the Constitution, the committee resigned and was reappointed.

AOB: SW has contacted Cllr Neil Reeve (UDC Environment and Active Travel) and Vicky Reed (UDC officer for climate change and active travel) several times without receiving a response. UDC's LCWIP is still a work in progress and MAG/the airport is not meeting its targets for active travel. We await Cllr Geoff Bagnall's submission to UDC for provision of a safe route through the Little Canfield waste depot.

Martin Crisp empathised with SW's experience in engaging with councillors. He welcomed the encouraging aspects of SW's report. As to the usefulness to equestrians of a bridleway into Stortford, he advised that equestrians are always happy to accept any addition to the bridleway network. New bridleways are potentially links to future connecting routes. On surface, rubber crumb e.g. Flexipave suits all users and is favoured by ECC and Active Travel England. The current cost is c£40 per square metre.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.