

Brighton & Hove Food Partnership
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
1st October 2024 at 6.00pm

Present: (Board - all BHFP Members): Victoria Williams (VW) (Chair), Sue Paskins, Ollie Sykes, Jeremy Diaper, Barbara Hurwood, Fiona Hamilton, James Woodward, Tabather Bessey, Val Cane, Amanda Hemming, Noeleen Keane, Alan Lugton, Emily O'Brien, Jenny Rolfe-Herbert, Susanna Salts, Jennifer Constantine, Julia Stent, Mary Funnell, Paul Chandler, Sarah Kehoe, Steven Cannell, Tom George, Michael Creedy

Staff: Vic Borrill, Ali Ghanimi

Michael Kennard The Compost Club - speaker

Louise Crosby Minutes

Apologies: Cllr Mitchie Alexander, Phoebe Feren, Carol Williams, Alan Cooke, Erika Adler

1. **Welcome and introductions**

The meeting started at 6:28pm and VW welcomed everyone.

2. **Minutes from last AGM held on 20 September 2023**

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Barbara Hurwood

Seconded by: Ollie Sykes

3. **Announcement of Board Members**

a) Board Members stepping down

Susanna Salts has been a Board member for many years and a presentation was made in recognition of her service.

b) Election of new Board members

VW explained that the BHFP Board has both places appointed by the Board and places elected by the membership at the AGM. This time there are 2 x Board appointed space and 1 x member appointed space.

VW thanked everyone who had put themselves forward for the Board.

The Board appointed spaces have been offered to Julia Stent and Kim Paykel

The remaining place was voted for by the members (both in advance and at the meeting). From this vote Linda Stefanutti was recruited. A huge thank you to everyone that stood for election this year.

4. **Report from the Director**

Presentation by Vic Borrill outlining highlights since the last AGM.

- Slide 1 – Community Gardening
- Slide 2 – Community Kitchen
- Slide 3 – Land Use Plus Project
- Slide 4 – Research Partnerships
- Slide 5 – Waterhall Project
- Slide 6 – Food Strategy Action Plan Refresh
- Slide 7 – The People

Questions / Comments:

How can we access more information on the research projects?

AG in attendance can advise

Food Strategy Exercise:

VB explained that there is an interactive piece of work for everyone to vote on their four most important priority areas after the presentation.

5. **Presentation of Annual Accounts**

Summary of annual accounts to March 2024. VB explained the accounts were shared at the AGM, then the Board will formally adopt them at the next Board meeting.

Slide 1 – income/expenditure:

Income of £9677 since last year; no corporation tax due

Slide 2 – Sources of income

Slide 3 – Deferred income

Slide 4 – Expenditure

Questions/Comments:

There were no questions.

6. **Any other business**

There being no other business, the AGM closed at 6.52pm

The AGM was followed by a presentation from Michael Kennard from Compost Club