



The countryside charity
Surrey

AGENDA

For the Annual General Meeting of CPRE Surrey to be held online via Zoom
on Thursday 30 July 2020, at 11.00 am

1. Welcome and apologies for absence received.
2. Minutes of last AGM (held on 15 September 2019) - see overleaf.
3. Chair's Report
4. Treasurer's Report on accounts for year ended 31 December 2019.
5. Members to approve the Accounts and the re-appointment of Independent Examiner and remuneration.
6. **Special Resolution** to approve the amendments to the articles of association and change of name from *The Surrey Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England* to *Surrey Campaign to Protect Rural England* as proposed by the Chair.
7. Retiring Trustees and Hon.Officers of CPRE Surrey as elected at AGM 2019:
Kristina Kenworthy, Tim Murphy, Sarah Clayton, Malcolm Williamson, Keith Tothill, Michael Sydney, Max Rosenberg.
Vice-President Gillian Hein.
Ordinary resolution for the election of trustees for 2020-21: Michael Sydney, Max Rosenberg, Sarah Clayton, Malcolm Williamson, Gillian Hein, Miles Nicholson.
Ordinary resolution for the election of officers (and trustees) for 2020-21: Chair: Kristina Kenworthy, Vice-Chair: Gillian Hein, and Treasurer: John Goodridge.
Ordinary resolution for the election of Vice-Presidents for 2020-21 – Tim Murphy, Anthony Isaacs, Keith Tothill.
8. Short presentations from the Panel Members followed by a Question & Answer Session
Panel Members: Dr Ashley Bowes, Cornerstone Barristers; Heather Kerswell, Independent Chair of Surrey Hills AONB Board; Rob Fairbanks, Director of Surrey Hills AONB; Mark Robinson, Campaigns Officer, National CPRE; Andy Smith, Branch Director CPRE Surrey

Meeting to end by 12.30pm

Minutes of the CPRE Surrey Annual General Meeting Held on Saturday 14 September 2019 at Painshill Park, Cobham

Chair: Kristina Kenworthy

Reporting on Year Ended 2018: John Chesters (Honorary Secretary/Treasurer)

Presentations by:

- Corinne Pluchino, Chief Executive, Campaign for National Parks
- Paul Miner, Head of Strategic Plans and Devolution, National CPRE
- John Evans, Coordinator, Dark Skies Matter

The register was taken. 71 members were present, and the meeting was quorate.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the audience and introduced the guest speakers, referring the audience to the Annual Report and Review which contained a summary of events and activities over the previous year, including CPRE Surrey's forthcoming Court of Appeal hearing in November on the statutory challenge to Waverley's Local Plan Part 1 and other planning issues in the county remaining our priority.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM held on 3 July 2018 were confirmed as an accurate record.

3. RESIGNATIONS, NOMINATIONS AND RE-ELECTION OF THE BOARD

- (a) The Chair proposed the election as president of Tim Harrold, who has been one of the most significant forces in CPRE in Surrey for many years. He has recently retired from the Guildford Committee but remains very active.
- (b) The Chair proposed the re-election of Gillian Hein as Vice-President
- (c) Anthony Isaacs is stepping down as a member of the board of CPRE Surrey, and the Chair proposed he also be made a Vice-President
- (d) All these proposals were unanimously carried by ordinary resolution of the members.
- (e) John Chesters, who has been covering the role of Treasurer on an interim basis will not be standing for re-election as he is moving from the area. The Chair encouraged any members who wished to take on this relatively straightforward role to put their name forward.
- (f) As required under our Articles of Association all members of the Executive Committee must resign and be re-elected if they are willing to continue. Hence it was proposed that Kristina Kenworthy (Appointed 2014 - Chair); Tim Murphy (Appointed 2006 – Vice-Chair); Max Rosenberg (Appointed 2016); Michael Sydney (Appointed 2016);

Keith Tothill (Appointed 2011); Sarah Clayton (Appointed 2012) and Malcolm Williamson (Appointed 2010) be re-elected .

The proposals were carried by Ordinary Resolution of the members.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the year 2018 were included in the Annual Report and Review, and despite a considerable increase in activity in 2018 over 2017, CPRE Surrey remain in a healthy financial state with a small deficit of £1,027 from income of £103,988. The investments in Monmouthshire Building Society and COIF continue to add small return and there are no concerns over our continuation as a financially sound charity.

Membership income dipped very slightly (by 1%) and although this was not a significant concern, the Treasurer reminded the audience the current situation in Surrey with multiple threats to its countryside will require more support and resources. The potential liability for the Waverley Campaign of c. £20,000 is not shown in these results and an increasing membership with more donations would be welcome.

5. GUEST SPEAKERS

The formal business of the AGM was concluded and the guest speakers were invited to give their presentations.

- Corinne Pluchino presented on the history, support and the continued critical need there is for our National Parks.
- Paul Miner gave a very detailed and thought-provoking update on the state of government and local authority planning, policies and the threats implicit within many of the assumptions and decisions being made.
- John Evans provided a well-argued case for the value there is in having our night skies unpolluted by excess artificial lighting, and encouraged the spread of the campaign to stop the loss of a part of our natural rhythm.

Questions were raised by members of the audience and members of the panel provided answers based on their expertise. The panel comprised Tim Murphy (CPRE Surrey), Corinne Pluchino (Campaign for National Parks), Kristina Kenworthy (CPRE Surrey), Andy Smith (CPRE Surrey), Paul Miner (National CPRE), and John Evans (Dark Skies Matter).

The meeting closed at 13:00