

Cabrera Trust Management Committee

Thursday, 14 July 2022 at 3.20 pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors C Howorth (Chairman), J Hulley (Vice-Chairman), P Beesley and P Grobien.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors D Coen, T Ashby and H Lane.

1 Election of Chairman

Councillor Howorth was elected as Chairman for 2022/23.

2 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Hulley was elected as Vice- Chairman for 2022/23.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2022 were signed and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor D Coen, Mr T Ashby and Mrs H Lane

5 Actions since the last meeting

The Committee discussed that following the resignation of Mr Andrew Saunders, another Honorary Warden was needed. Pam Thomas would speak to the volunteer group to ascertain if anyone in the group would be interested in taking on this role.

It was reported the wildflower work had been well attended. The expert had commented on the diversity of the land and the health of the vegetation.

The Friends Group would be set up in April 2023. Mr Beesley had received documentation regarding setting up the Group from previous Officers but would like to meet with Officers again prior to April 2023 to discuss in more detail. The Group would need a Secretary and Treasurer. They had a volunteer who had already indicated they would be interested in taking on the Treasurer role. A launch meeting would be held next April and the Community Centre who had offered use of the centre F.O.C.

The Committee discussed grant funding and utilising the Council's Bid Officer expertise. Officers advised the Committee that they would be able to seek assistance from the Bid Officer on how to navigate funding and managing forms, but any funding bids would be more successful coming directly from the Friends Group rather than from the Council.

There hadn't been a stall at the Jumble Trial this year, but it was felt this would be particularly beneficial next year when the Friends Group had been set up. It was a fantastic opportunity to promote and obtain funding.

It was generally felt that with the exception of the Trust's finances the Trust was in a good place. With regard to funding the Committee discussed various possible avenues of funding including:-

- Obtaining funding through the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan.
- The possibility of obtaining CIL funding from proceeds of development around Virginia Water
- Wentworth Resident's Association be approached regarding short term funding.
- Funding from Surrey County Council from Councillor Hulley's SCC allocation. This funding was, however, only available for a specific project but it was agreed the upcoming coppicing work would be a suitable project for such funding.
- Your Fund Surrey – offered significant funding for high level projects

The Committee was keen to set up plans for management, to make best use of volunteers, Friends Group and funding opportunities. It was therefore agreed that the Management Plan should be revised. As the present Honorary Secretary Darren Williams would be responsible for this and Officers were asked to Darren to look into this and provide the Chairman with an update on progress by the end of September. When complete it was requested that the updated plan was circulated to all Members of the Committee by email.

6 **Dates of future meetings**

The next meeting of the Management Committee is due to be held on Thursday 5 January 2023 at 2.30pm.)Due to the possibility of an increase in Covid cases over the winter period the possibility a MS Teams meeting would be considered nearer the time if necessary)

The Summer meeting of the Cabrera Trust Management Committee and the AGM will be held on Thursday 13 July 2023 at 2.30pm

(The meeting ended at 3.52 pm.)

Chairman