

**The Memorial Orchard Action Group Annual General meeting
Tues. 21st July 2020 7.30pm Held via ZOOM . Draft Minutes**

Present: Peter Sayers, Fiona Casson, Tina Johnson, Jacquie Williams, Brian Williams, Steve Doughton, Mike Hornby(late arriving), Cllr Gillian Edwards.

Apologies for absence: John Freeman

Welcome: Tina welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting: The acceptance of the minutes as they appear on the groups website were proposed by Brian Williams and seconded by Fiona Casson. The group voted and accepted them as correct unanimously.

Matters arising: None

Chairmans report: Tina delivered her report as it appears on our website, addressing in particular our 6 aims.

Questions to the chair: None

Accounts: Brian presented the accounts as they appear on our website. We currently have a total on £1572 for the upcoming year with another donation due from the Co op in October. The acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Fiona Casson and seconded by Steve Doughton. The group voted and accepted them as correct unanimously.

Election of Trustees: Tina Johnson, Brian Williams, Mike Hornby, Steve Doughton and Peter Sayers were re-elected, having been proposed by Jacquie Williams and seconded by Brian Williams.

AOB: Jacquie suggested that as the trees are now getting bigger we should try switching to spiral protectors for the trunks in place of the wire, to make maintenance easier. Steve replied saying we should try just a few trees first to see what happens! Mike volunteered to look into spiral protectors re use on fruit trees and will report to the next monthly meeting.

Steve wondered if the increased use of contactless transactions might reduce our donation from the Co-op because not as many people would use their Co-op card. Brian explained that the donation is based largely on total sales, and not just on those who use the Co-op card tied to us, so should have little effect.

Tina brought the meeting to a close and thanked all present at the meeting and all those who are back working in the orchard again. In particular she expressed her thanks to: Steve & Fiona for work on the web site and social media; Neil Oxley of the Woodland Trust for his help and support; Our local councillors for their continued support; Cheshire constabulary for keeping an eye on the orchard; Brian for organising the meeting by Zoom. And a special thanks to Geoff Hornby and Rob Lloyd who faithfully help with the work in the orchard.

Steve thanked Tina for organising the group through the year and for looking after the notices for the board.

Next meeting: To be arranged.