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**MINUTES OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT EAST LEAKE VILLAGE HALL
ON SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 2.00 PM**

The record of attendance shows 75 members were present at the Annual General Meeting, see Appendix 1.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE AREA OFFICERS

Sue Rick, Area Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM at East Leake Village Hall. Sue thanked the Rushcliffe Group, which was hosting today's event and walk leaders Alan Wilson, Angela Dobie and Joe Colls. Thanks were also due to members who provided the hot drinks and baked the excellent cakes.

Paddy Tipping, the Area President and Area Officers were introduced to the meeting.

2. OVERVIEW FROM THE AREA PRESIDENT

Paddy Tipping said it was good to see so many members present. The Area Officers had experienced a difficult year and Paddy thanked them for their hard work. Nottinghamshire Groups had an excellent walks programme but Ramblers was also a campaigning charity and maintaining access to the countryside was a priority. In May, there was the opportunity to vote for a Mayor for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The Mayor would have £1m to spend locally and a very low cost option would be to extend the rights of way network and continue their protection protect them. Paddy was working with Ramblers on a manifesto for the expected national Parliamentary election.

Paddy explained Ramblers was campaigning for people to be able to get into a green space within 15 minutes walking time and mental health was improved by access to the countryside and fresh air. This was a low or no cost option and Paddy asked everyone to raise this with a prospective MP if they were canvassed. Paddy encouraged everyone to 'keep in step' and walk together with Ramblers.

Sue thanked Paddy who confirmed he was willing to continue as President for a further year.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from: Jan Tilsley, Rab Bird, Adrian Amer, James McGill, Dave Johnson and Caroline Kalsheker.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 5th February 2023 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Brian Tuffnell

Seconded: Alan Wilson

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

There were no matters arising.

6. REPORT ON MOTIONS PASSED AT THE PREVIOUS AGM

There were no motions last year.

7. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS (2022 – 2023)

The Area Officers Annual Report and Accounts covering the period 1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023 had been published on the Nottinghamshire Area website. There were no questions on the Officer or Group Reports but Alex Ellis commented on the walk leader training. This was available on line through Assemble but members commented that practical, on the ground training was necessary. Several Groups had expressed concern about the number of members volunteering to be walk leaders and the 32 page draft document from Ramblers was a deterrent. There were on line workshops planned to seek views from Groups on the document and members were encouraged to attend and express their views.

7.4 The Report and Accounts were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Tom Munro

Seconded: Brian Tuffnell

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sue thanked both Tony Norcross for his service as Minutes Secretary and Chris Taylor for his role as Webmaster. Tony and Chris had decided not to seek re-election.

Officers were elected as set out in Appendix II with the proposer and seconder. Chris Thompson encouraged members to come forward for the vacant posts and particularly the Publicity Officer role. Sue added that accepting the role of Area Officer without Portfolio was an excellent introduction to Ramblers.

Paul Fenton thanked the AGM for electing him. Paul explained he was the Footpath Secretary for the Vale of Belvoir Group and District Coordinator for Rushcliffe. Paul added that he had a lot to learn but wanted to utilise the skills of others and to work with Groups, particularly on planning applications.

9. RAMBLERS' GENERAL COUNCIL 1st APRIL 2024

General Council (GC) was to take place at the NEC, Birmingham. Regrettably only two voting delegates appointed by the AGM would be allowed to attend;

no visitors. Under standing orders one of these would automatically be the Area Secretary, Judith Anson. It was agreed the second representative would be Adrian Amer, Area Vice-Chair. The AGM was reminded the nominated delegates remained in place for a year.

Post Meeting Note: Judith was unable to attend due to illness and was replaced by Neil Stafford.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Motions relating to Nottinghamshire Area – none received.

10.2 Motions to go to General Council 2024 – none received.

11. CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE AREA CHAIR

Sue Rick commented the Group Reports were inspirational and demonstrated the range of activities carried out by members. Sue also thanked the Area Officers for their support in a challenging year. Members were encouraged to complete the AGM evaluation form to see how future AGMs could be improved.

12. DATE OF NEXT AREA AGM SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

The next AGM will be held on Sunday, 2nd February 2025 and a Group was asked to volunteer to host the AGM.

13. THE NEXT AREA COUNCIL MEETING

The next Area Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Bilsthorpe

Canals – 18th Century Highways by Graham Woodward

The AGM was followed by a talk from Graham Woodward.

APPENDIX I

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

ATTENDANCE LIST

Alberry	Angie	Nottingham
Anson	Judith	Area Secretary
Bramley	Stephen	Mansfield & Sherwood
Brown	Diane	Newark
Bull	Kathryn	Rushcliffe
Carney	Tim	Rushcliffe
Casey	Julie	Mansfield & Sherwood
Colls	Joe	Mansfield & Sherwood
Cook	Jean	Rushcliffe
Coxon	Keith	Rushcliffe
Coxon	Claire	Rushcliffe
Culshaw	Philippa	Rushcliffe
Dallison	Geoff	Mansfield & Sherwood
Dalton	Elizabeth	Rushcliffe
Darwent	Heather	Gedling
Dobie	Angela	Rushcliffe
Donovan	Lorraine	Rushcliffe
Duesbury	Pam	Rushcliffe
Duncan	Jules	Worksop
Duncan	Myke	Worksop
Dyson	Ray	Newark
Ellis	Alex	Area Groups Officer
Evans	Jackie	Mansfield & Sherwood
Evans	Steven	Mansfield & Sherwood
Fenton	Paul	Vale of Belvoir
Foster	Mags	Mansfield & Sherwood
Hobbs	Maria	Rushcliffe
Hobbs	Peter	Rushcliffe
Garley	Denise	Mansfield & Sherwood
Gott	Christine	Rushcliffe
Hobson	Dave	Vale of Belvoir
Hobson	Elaine	Vale of Belvoir
Morag	Hunter	Rushcliffe
Johnson	Dave	Newark
Johnson	Polly	Gedling
Jones	Sue	Rushcliffe
Lee	Caroline	Newark
Lewis	Karen	Rushcliffe
Lloyd	Howard	Rushcliffe
Lister	Liz	Rushcliffe
Lloyd	Julie	Rushcliffe
Matthews	Lesley	Rushcliffe
McEvoy	Maureen	Mansfield & Sherwood

Mitchell	Brenda	Vale of Belvoir
Moore	David	Mansfield & Sherwood
Mullen	Sue	Mansfield & Sherwood
Munro	Diana	Area Membership Secretary
Munro	Tom	Worksop Ramblers
Musson	Paul	Gedling
Norris	Jim	Gedling
Palmer	Brian	Rushcliffe
Palmer	Ruth	Rushcliffe
Parkhouse	Steve	Not in Group
Parkinson	Gail	Vale of Belvoir
Pedersen	Joyce	Newark
Pilgrim	Colleen	Gedling
Pratt	Jeremy	Rushcliffe
Rick	Sue	Area Chair
Ross	Janet	Worksop
Russell	Tina	Vale of Belvoir
Ryan	Frances	Rushcliffe
Sinclair	Jim	Southwell
Stafford	Neil	Area Treasurer
Stanger	David	Gedling
Stock	Mike	Rushcliffe
Suchak	Sushma	Mansfield & Sherwood
Sweetman	Chris	Rushcliffe
Thompson	Chris	Area Tourism & Heritage Officer
Tipping	Paddy	Area President
Tuffnell	Brian	Mansfield & Sherwood
Ward	Bob	Worksop
Ward	Thelma	Worksop
Wilson	Alan	Rushcliffe
Woolley	Val	Mansfield & Sherwood
Young	John	Vale of Belvoir

APPENDIX II

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Paddy Tipping

The following Area Officers were elected:

AREA CHAIR

Nominated: Cathryn Gill

Sue Rick

Seconded: Mervyn Thomas

AREA VICE CHAIR

Nominated: Chris Thompson

Adrian Amer

Seconded: Jim Norris

SECRETARY

Nominated: Yinka Soetan

Judith Anson

Seconded: James McGill

TREASURER

Nominated: Polly Johnson

Neil Stafford

Seconded: Elizabeth Dalton

RIGHTS OF WAY SECRETARY

Nominated: John Young

Paul Fenton

Seconded: Mike Stock

TOURISM & HERITAGE PATHS OFFICER

Nominated: Jim Norris

Chris Thompson

Seconded: Adrian Amer

COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER

Nominated: Colleen Pilgrim

Jim Norris

Seconded: Paul Musson

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Nominated: Tom Munro

Diana Munro

Seconded: Elisabeth Sharp

PRESS & PUBLICITY OFFICER

Vacant

GROUPS OFFICER

Nominated: Helen Ward

Alexandra Ellis

Seconded: David Moore

AREA WEBMASTER

Nominated: Julie Casey

Brian Tuffnell

Seconded: Margaret Foster

MINUTES SECRETARY

Vacant