

Hawk & Owl Trust  
Annual General Meeting  
Held at Sculthorpe Reserve  
on 18th October 2022

27 Voting Forms were received

18 Members were present at the meeting

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and declared it open at 09.03

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Martin Reader, Eleonora Arcese,

3. Approval of the minutes from the 2021 AGM

The Chairman asked members present if there were any questions concerning the minutes, none were raised, and none were raised at the meeting or on the returned voting forms

The Chairman then asked if it was the wish of the meeting that the minutes be approved

There were no objections raised either by those present at the meeting or on the returned voting forms.

The Chairman declared that the **minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved.**

4. Treasurer Statement and adoption of the annual accounts 2021/ 22

In presenting the annual accounts, the Treasurer commented that it had been a good year for the Trust, with a turnover of £1.2m. He pointed out that some of this was from legacies and Covid furlough payments. The Trust's net assets for the year have increased to £2.7m, including reserves. The Fen Appeal has also boosted our income by £400K. Due to Covid restrictions, Trustee and Board meetings have been held via zoom, which has further saved the Trust £7-£8k. In the next year, he expected things to return to a more normal situation, but it may be that the more straightforward meetings may be conducted via zoom, which should help to reduce meeting expenses.

As the Fen Appeal is now closed, our income will be significantly reduced, and we will have to look to raise funds in a more conventional way.

Liza Godard reminded members that if they did any shopping from Amazon, the use of Amazon Smile could bring in extra income to the Trust at no extra cost to themselves.

In response to a Question from the meeting, the Treasurer confirmed that the current membership of the Trust stood at around 4000

There be no further questions to the Treasurer, and no objections raised either from the meeting; all recorded on the returned voting forms the annual accounts were **ADOPTED.**

5. Appointment of the accountants Mapus-Smith & Lemmon LLP for 2023.

There being no objections from the meeting and none on the returned voting forms, The Chairman Declared that Mapus-Smith and Lemmon were **APPROVED** as accountants for 2023

6. Re-Election of Trustees

Henry Robinson

Matthew Kimber

There being no objections from the meeting or on the return voting forms, the Chairman declared **they had been re-elected**

7. Appointment of the honorary Treasurer David Missen

There being no objections from the meeting and non-recorded on the returned voting forms the Chairman **declared that David Mason be appointed Honorary Treasurer**

8. Any Other Business. (Questions raised by members)

- i. What plans were in hand for the Shapwick reserve?

The Chairman explained that we now have anew reserve Warden and Outreach Officer in place, Alex Learmont in post and a small visitor Centre was being constructed and we were now part of the new National Nature Reserve, it was hoped that working with Wessex Water in their reduction of phosphates campaign a wetland area would also be created which would significantly enhance our facilities with hopefully an increase the footfall. Along with this a local membership scheme will be developed along the lines of the one at Sculthorpe

- ii. How was the membership of the support scheme holding up at Sculthorpe

Nigel Middleton replied that currently they were around 1800 adding that we do not have large advertising budget as other organizations do so it's all done by word of mouth. Adding that with the large amount of work still to be done we would welcome more volunteers.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09 .49