

Wolverhampton Green Party

Minutes for Annual General Meeting 6.30 pm 22nd May 2023

(Meeting held on-line)

Apologies for absence: Isabel Gillis, Amy Bertaut, Kwaku Tano-Yeboah

In attendance: Stephen Petter, Helen Currie, Paul Darke, Mike Jenkins, Holly Smith , Mia Clarke, Angie Kijack-Davis, Andrea Cantrill

Previous meeting minutes available on request as they weren't available on the evening.

Treasurer's Report

Holly gave the treasurers report:

This year we received £288.78 capitation (the money we receive from national party based on how many members we have) and £... in donations. Thank you to members who donate regularly or one off, we couldn't have done this without you.

The Balance currently stands at £2028.11. Out of this money Kwaku and Andrea require reimbursement for leaflets for the recent Heath Town local election campaign.

We will need 3 x £500 for deposits to stand in the next general election.

NB: Our West Brom Building Society account no longer allows us to write cheques so leaflets were paid for by Andrea and Kwaku, who will be reimbursed from the account, we felt this was the easiest way as we need to get the treasurer and second signature to withdraw any money, so can do it one go. Andrea is owed a total of £494 (2 sets of leaflets and one set of cards); Kwaku is owed £140 (leaflets). Invoices are available for all to view.

The new Treasurer may wish to find a better option. Although we discovered when trying to find the existing account that a lot of places no longer provide Treasurers accounts, at the time we didn't want to go with a bank but may have to if this is our only option.

Thank you Holly for the great work you have done as Treasurer.

Election of Officers

- Steve offered to do press releases and canvassing.

- Paul is happy to stay as Election/ Nomination officer. If a general election is called, Kwaku will stand in North East (as this is where Heath Town is so will provide consistency) Andrea will stand in South West as she has done before and Paul in South East. These have been approved by national party based on who came forward.

- Mike has put himself forward for Treasurer and and Angie has offered to stand for coordinator.
(Thank you both, Wolverhampton Green Party can continue!)

- Mia is happy to be a candidate.

- Isabel would like to help but does not have capacity to commit to a full position. It was felt she could help Angie, along with Steve, as both have time and knowledge . Hopefully it will work that all 3 can work together.

All positions stood down and the following were elected:

Votes (how many people voted). RON (Re Open Nominations)

Coordinator – Angie Kijack-Davis was Nominated by: Helen. Seconded by: Paul. Votes 7 RON 0

PPERA Officer – Steve Petter was Nominated by: Andrea. Seconded by: Helen. Votes 7 RON 0

Nominating Officer - Paul Darke was Nominated by: Steve. Seconded by: Andrea. Votes 7 RON 0

Elections Officer – Paul Darke was Nominated by: Steve. Seconded by: Andrea. Votes 7 RON 0

Membership Officer – Helen Currie was Nominated by: Andrea. Seconded by: Paul. Votes 7 RON 0

Social Media Officer – Angie Kijack-Davis was Nominated by: Andrea. Seconded by: Paul. Votes 7 RON 0

Treasurer – Mike Jenkins was Nominated by: Steve. Seconded by: Angie. Votes 7 RON 0

Website – Steve Petter Nominated by: Paul. Seconded by: Angie. Votes 7 RON 0

(The roles of Local Party Contact, Press Officer, Fundraising Officer and Campaign Officer were left unfilled at this time)

Thank you to everyone for stepping up, a great team is in the making.

Discussion of the Recent Local Election

We then asked will we continue targeting Heath Town ward or a different ward based on the analysis from Steve Petter. Overall it was felt we did really well and it would be good to continue on all of our hard work. Hopefully Kwaku still wants to be candidate!

Angie said people said to her they were disappointed not to have a Green candidate in Park. We agreed and felt we have learned, that we gave the Lib Dems a chance but will not be working with them in the future.

We agreed we would stand 20 candidates in the next local election if we can get that many, especially as we only need 2 signatures and it would be great if people could stand where they live as they are known in the area but it is also easier to get signatures and requires less driving and pollution than Paul and Andrea driving round.

Paul is happy to do press as he has experience of this and Helen said it needs to be checked before going to print, all agreed. (Steve can also)

There is a lot of help from national party that Andrea is happy to share with Paul and Steve as she now won't be so snowed under!

We agreed it would be great if all members could like and share social media, a separate email will be sent out to ask this.

Helen thanked Andrea for being Coordinator.

We have 93 members. 550 followers 81 following on Facebook

The meeting closed at 8 pm.