

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
6.30pm Wednesday 26th April 2023
at Woodbridge Community Hall

Colin Nicholson (Co-Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed, on behalf of the Committee all those attending.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Liz Hattan, Caroline Matthews, Steve and Lesley Beckett, Patrick and Mary Gifford, Imogen O'Neill
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 27th April 2022:** Acceptance of the minutes, which are on the RDA website, as a true record of the meeting was proposed by Georgina Lankaster and seconded by Bobby Rusack. The vote was carried by a large majority.
3. **Matters arising:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 2022:** The Treasurer's report is on the RDA website. Colin Nicholson thanked Moray MacPhail for his work as Treasurer and as Membership Secretary. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Julia Jones and seconded by Louise Crich. The vote was carried by a large majority.
5. **Examination of Accounts:** Colin Nicholson thanked Kathryn Cooper for acting as examiner for the 2022 accounts. Her appointment as examiner for the 2023 accounts was proposed by Sarah Zins and seconded by Bobby Rusack. The vote was carried by a large majority.
6. **Election of Officers and members of the Committee:** The following committee members are standing for re-election after 4 years
 - Matt Lis
 - Jane Haviland (Co Chair)

Their election was proposed by Georgina Lankaster and seconded by Sarah Zins. The vote was carried by a large majority.

Colin Nicholson thanked all the committee for their input over the year as well as thanking Alan Comber for his work in supporting the Website.

7. **Co-Chairs report:** This was included in the spring edition of 'The Deben' magazine. Colin Nicholson thanked all who are involved in the production and distribution of the magazine. In particular Julia Jones (Editor), Bertie Wheene, Mark from Bettaprint and James Skellorn of Barker Gotelee. Colin also highlighted the fortnightly Journal articles on the website which cover more static and long term topics. He then summarised key activities documented in the Co chairs report and extended congratulations to Ruth Leech for obtaining designated bathing water status for Waldringfield.

This concluded the main business of the meeting.

The meeting was followed by an interesting and informative talk given by John Patrick from on the Felixstowe Hydrocycle project. Jane Haviland thanked John and, after an interesting Q&A session on his talk the meeting closed at 19.45.