

STWN Minutes
Tuesday 22nd April 2025 7pm
Zoom

Present:

Anne Richards, Sue Henderson, Liz Ramsay, Patricia Brookwick, Sally Pemberton, Elaine Griffith

Apologies:

Trefor Hogg, Sam Village

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved by Liz Ramsay

Focus: Apart from a few updates, the key focus of this meeting was to review outstanding matters and to plan for future Member activities

Chairman's Report

Trefor has confirmed the following:

1. Currently in discussion about SCC paying our insurance again this year.
2. Trefor is awaiting responses from Merissa Heath and Carolyn Mackenzie to see if they can assist with locations in either Runnymede or Newlands for this years' AGM. It is hoped that this will be held late summer/autumn.

Secretary's Report

- It was decided that the plan for the Members Database review would be put on hold until a date for the AGM is confirmed. PB will then draft an email to members asking if they are still active members. The email will be issued twice and then followed through with a text or call if a reply has not been received. A Data Protection Policy for the Charity will be confirmed by TH before the email is issued. PB/TH
- I have been in contact with Jane Lewis concerning the Members visit to Kew – please see options on offer below under Events.

Treasurer's Report

- Please see attachment. Accounts to be signed at next in person meeting. EG/PB
- Trefor confirmed that he is happy for a further email to be sent out to SCC's regarding donations to the STWN. Unfortunately he cannot be involved with this due to potential conflict-of-interest. EG

Membership Secretary's Report

- SH reported that 4 new members have registered with the Network since February.

Newsletter

Liz awaits confirmation of key dates before this is published

Events

- **Training**

The following dates have been confirmed for advertising to Members and upload to the website.

- Induction - Friday 5th September 2025 AM/PB
- Biology – Friday 10th October 2025 LR /PB
- Tree Threats – Friday 12th November 2025 TH
- Law - to potentially include at the 2025 AGM SV

Future Events

- **Guided Tree Walk Kew Gardens Summer 2025** ALL

PB and Jane Lewis, our guide, have reviewed options and suggest the following:

- Date options – Saturday 26th July or Saturday 2nd August
- Duration 60-90 minutes with members free to stay on to view the gardens, have lunch etc.
- Meet at Elizabeth Gate at 11am
- Maximum of 20 members plus 2 or 3 helpers from the committee
- Public transport suggested but there is some parking at Brentford Gate and limited off street parking.
- Public Transport recommended.
- Pricing: Members cover entry plus a £5 or £10 donation to STWN.
- Admission is £22 for an adult, £20 if 65+

Not sure of best way to do the booking and have emailed Kew today for some group booking clarity.

- **Autumn 2025 Wisley walk 2025**
 - The dates suggested are Saturday 15th October, Saturday 1st November or Saturday 8th November – the committee can make all dates so Liz to speak to Jonathan and confirm back to us. Again there should be a STWN donation of £5 or £10 from members if they wish to attend. LR
- **Summer/Autumn AGM** – we wait to hear from Trefor following his councillor enquiries. TH

Note: It was thought that either Runnymede or Newlands would make good locations for the AGM, to include a tree walk. TH to see if Runnymede SCC Councillor Merissa Heath can assist or Carolyn Mackenzie with Newlands. Another idea is to include a session from Forrest Schools.

AOB

Anne mentioned that there will be a combined Lingfield/Surrey Wildlife Trust event for young families at the nature reserve with free trees on offer. All welcome – Anne will confirm date via email.

Date of next meeting: Friday 30th May