

WALKSPACE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

06 OCTOBER 2024 / 6:00 to 7:25 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Charlie Best, Dan Carins, Fiona Cullinan, Rachel Henaghan, Andrew Howe, Andy Howlett, Simon Jefferies, Kruse, Robson, Paul Wakelam, Emily Wilkinson

Dan Carins volunteered to chair the meeting.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Andy presented a summary of Walkspace members' activity since the last AGM in September 2023, including the micro residency in Elan Valley and the Film night in Leominster.

NYC/BRUM UPDATE

Fiona provided an update on the NYC/BRUM project which has taken slightly longer than anticipated. The deadline for responses has been extended to 16th October. The links for the walk score from the Walk Exchange and for the shared folder to upload responses were shared.

CONSTITUTION SUMMARY

Dan, Andy and Rachel introduced the draft constitution and the background to its preparation following the establishment of the Whatsapp subgroups at last year's AGM. One of these groups was for the future development of Walkspace, and the eight members of that group have sought advice and guidance from Cooperatives UK and The Ownership Hub on how best to organise so that we can meet members' aspirations.

Those aspirations were to:

- Retain the 'super-chilled ethos' around governance and bureaucracy
- Raise funds to cover the costs of the website and newsletter

- Apply for external funding or artistic commissions as a collective rather than through individuals

These aspirations require opening a bank account.

The Cooperative Bank offers free banking for community and not-for-profit groups that can demonstrate appropriate governance, including assurance around objectives and management of funds.

The Constitution tabled was based on a template for unincorporated cooperatives available on the Cooperatives UK website.

Following a question about the definition of the West Midlands, it was agreed to add a definition about the geography of the West Midlands and about the membership requirements.

The constitution was agreed unanimously by the members.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following nominations for committee members were agreed by the members:

- **Chair – Dan Carins**
- **Treasurer – Charlie Best**
- **Walks Facilitator– Andy Howlett**
- **Salons/Socials Facilitator – Rachel Henaghan**

No nominations had been received for the position of secretary, and no volunteers came forward during the meeting. It was understood that as the bank account needed three signatories living at separate addresses, and that the elected committee membership met this criteria, it would be possible to proceed without the immediate election of secretary.

It was agreed to seek an extension to nominations for a secretary until 20th October, to alert the members to the opportunity and to elect the secretary at a future meeting.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTION FEE

It was agreed to set the annual subscription fee for members at a minimum of £10, payable by 31st December of each year. Members would be given the opportunity to contribute more, in return for further benefits. These benefits would be developed over future meetings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.