

Secretary's Report 2017

Welcome to our thirteenth AGM, which is necessary in order to maintain our charity status. However with your help this will be gone through with the minimum of delay.

My thanks to Sue for arranging this excellent venue for our meeting. So I am sure you will join with me in giving her a well-deserved round of applause.

The Tree Council has continued to be very supportive of our activities particularly in the person of Jon Stokes who regularly attends our committee meetings, whose input is much appreciated.

My thanks to Don Henderson for his help in preparing the documents for this AGM. Also, to Dave Pope for providing today's refreshments.

The sale of the group's booklet "Remarkable Trees of Surrey", is going well, so much so that a reprint was ordered. Most of the work of distributing and tacking the books has fallen on Liz Ramsay – so a round of applause for Liz. And for producing and distributing the Newsletter. If you haven't yet purchased the book or know of outlets that will sell the book, stock up with supplies before you go!

I am pleased to report that since the last AGM, we now have a new Group within the Surrey Network located at Ashted, led by Chairman of the Group, Roy Guy.

The transfer of the STNW website has now been successfully transferred, resulting in much reduced maintenance costs. If any of you are familiar with website maintenance, please see me afterwards as the Group needs to have a backup to do this work.

The post of Chairman and Treasurer are still vacant, but as to date no nominations have been received or suitable candidates come

forward. To this end, we are extremely grateful to our long-suffering acting treasurer for maintaining the accounts in the interim.

After the formal AGM proceedings have been completed we will break for lunch for one hour and during that time you can stock up on the “Remarkable Trees Booklet” also there are STWN badges, fridge magnets and key rings on sale to help boost our funds, so thanking you in anticipation of your help.