

MARPLE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2023 - 2024
Monday 15th April 2024
Methodist Church, Church Lane, Marple

The chairman, Jackie Collins, opened the meeting at 19.45 and welcomed all present.

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from
Hilary Atkinson
Mary & Chris Simmonds
Judith Wilshaw

2) **Minutes of AGM 2023**

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes of the previous AGM 2022 - 2023
There were no objections to them being adopted as a true and fair record.

Proposed - Christine Julier
Seconded - Neil Derbyshire
Passed unanimously.

3) **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

4) **Presentation of Officer's Reports**

Chairman

In the course of the year we have carried out our regular programme of eight talks, three organised walks, and three visits. The annual exhibition was on the theme of coronations and as well as our initial display in Marple Library it was also used by St Martin's Church, Marple Bridge street party and the Methodist church. Throughout the year the work of the society was supported and promulgated by both the website and the newsletter.

The Society now has 161 members and an average attendance at meetings of 95 people. The chairman made a point of introducing each member of the committee to the meeting before thanking them for their efforts and also thanking other people who contribute who are not on the committee.

Treasurer

The treasurer summarised the main features of the accounts and reported that it had finished the year with a balance of just over £6000 despite making a small loss. The rise in membership subscriptions had substantially defrayed the increased expenses which occurred in almost every area.

Considerable efforts have been made to encourage payments by bank transfer and standing order. 70% of subscriptions were now made electronically. We are investigating methods of accepting electronic payment for ongoing sales and miscellaneous income.

In view of the balance between forecast income and expenditure the treasurer proposed that membership fees should remain the same for the coming year.

Visits

As Judith Wilshaw, the Visits Organiser, was indisposed, the chairman read out her report. During the year there have been visits to Wirksworth in the Peak District, Robinson's Brewery in Stockport and a guided tour of Southern Cemetery. Visits involving coach hire have not attracted as much interest as pre-Covid so for the time being visits will concentrate on local venues which can be easily reached by car or public transport.

5) **Election of Committee**

The following committee members expressed their willingness to stand for re-election:

Jackie Collins
Martin Cruikshank
Neil Derbyshire
Derek Drysdale
Louise Thistleton
Judith Wilshaw

In addition Dale Spencer and Karen Wellings indicated that they were willing to stand for election.

Proposed by Sheila Ross
Seconded by David Burridge
All elected unanimously

6) **Independent Examiner**

Leslie Birks has agreed to carry on in this role.
Proposed by Tony Taylor
Seconded by Louise Thistleton
Elected unanimously.

7) **AOB**

In the absence of any other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.03 p.m.