

## Save Greater Manchester's Green Belt Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### Attendees:

- Zoe Sherlock (Chair - Rochdale campaigns)
- Marj Powner (Vice Chair - Friends of Carrington Moss)
- Gordon Tilstone (Treasurer - Save Our Slattocks)
- Matthew Broadbent (Management Committee - Save Royton Green Belt)
- Evelyn Frearson (Management Committee - Woodford Community)
- Jane Lester (Management Committee - Bury Folk)
- Anne Ripley (Management Committee - Save Bamford Green Belt)
- Tracey Woodward (Management Committee - Save Chadderton GB)
- Dave Bentley (New Management Committee member - Ecologist)
- Iain Brown (Crimble Mill)
- Peter Burns (Individual Member)
- Stephen Cluer (Bury Folk)
- Andrea Colbourne (Save Tameside Greenbelt)
- Danny Cullinane (Save Tameside Greenbelt)
- Kristian Dodsworth (Simister Village)
- Tracey Furnell (Smithybridge and Littleborough)
- Steven Healey (Save Duncan Matheson - Salford)
- Frances Henry (AARD)
- Gillian Holden (Save Derker Green belt)
- Max Meronti (Save Apethorn & Bowlacre Greenbelt)
- Jim Ness (AARD)
- John Rigby (Horwich Green Belt Group)
- Lindsay Tompson (Smithybridge and Littleborough)

### Apologies:

- Friends of Tangshutt
- Friends of Turn Moss
- Save Stalybridge Green Belt
- Noel Mahon (Save Royton Green Belt)

**Chair's Report** - approved as a correct record

**Treasurer's Report** - approved as a correct record

**Election of Officers** - the following Officers were duly elected at the meeting:

- Chair - Zoe Sherlock
- Vice Chair - Marj Powner
- Treasurer - Gordon Tilstone
- Honorary Secretary - Vacant **Action: Group members are invited to nominate themselves or another person (with their permission) to this role, which would be approved via email in line with the amended constitution**

**Election of Management Committee** - the following Members were duly elected to the Management Committee at the meeting:

- Matthew Broadbent
- Evelyn Frearson
- Jane Lester
- Anne Ripley
- Tracey Woodward

At the meeting Dave Bentley nominated himself, as a qualified ecologist, to be a member of the Management Committee. This was agreed at the meeting and Dave will join the Management Committee to advise on ecological issues.

There are 2 vacant Management Committee positions. **Action: Group members are invited to nominate themselves or another person (with their permission) to this role, which would be approved via email in line with the amended constitution**

### **Constitution Update:**

The following additional amendments were proposed to the Constitution:

- Section 6 (Officers) to confirm that the Chair will act as Deputy Treasurer and shadow the Treasurer to ensure continuity in the event of any issues with availability of the Treasurer
- Section 7 (Finance) to confirm that 2 signatures should be needed for all expenditure (**Action: Treasurer to arrange for the Vice Chair to become a signatory for banking/financial purposes**)
- After paragraph 13.3 confirm that, on dissolution, any remaining funds will be made available to a group or groups with a similar purpose

**Action: Evelyn to update the constitution so it can be circulated for agreement by email**

**Modifications Consultation:** See attached slides for more information

**Action: Frances to ask Councillor Lewis Nelson and Barbara Keeley MP if they would speak to the media about the issues raised [in our blog](#) and our [letter to Sir Keir Starmer](#) and comment on the potential that Labour Councillors will be "whipped" to vote the plan be approved.**

**Action: Marj to write to Angela Raynor MP in her new role as Shadow DHLUC and ask her for her views on the issues raised in our [letter to Sir Keir Starmer](#)**

**Action: Dave to drop an email to Marj to outline the FOI request that should be sent by each group regarding the ecology reports (Marj will circulate and request all to use [Whatdotheyknow.com](#))**

**Action: Matthew to review the previous FOI request regarding [Green Belt Additions](#) and confirm the response needed**

**Next Steps for SGMGB:**

If a judicial review is to be considered we will need the following:

- detailed/explicit legal and liability advice
- a very successful fundraising campaign

**Action: A fundraising group is needed asap - ALL to identify volunteers in their groups who can help us to raise the funding needed**

**Action: Discussions with legal expert to continue and more information will be circulated in due course (Marj/Matthew)**

**Action: No decision will be made without reference to those who may be impacted.**

**Any Other Business:**

- If you have not yet registered your campaign on the [CPA Map](#), please do so as soon as possible - **Action: ALL**
- CPA webinar on Thursday 7th at 5pm about Government and Local Government Planning and Development Functions - [click on this link to register](#).