HEREFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY GROUP

Minutes of our 2021 Annual General Meeting

Held on ZOOM

On Wednesday January 20th 2021 at 10am

Present

 23 members plus 4 apologies

Welcome from the Chair

Trevor Smith took the Chair at 10am, and welcomed all those present.

President’s Address

Roger Bibbings had already circulated his address to members.

He highlighted some salient points.

Treasurers Report

Adrian Gale shared his report on 3 slides:

Account summary for financial year 2020 & Bank A/C Balances &

Group Membership. (2020 = 88)

Election of Officers (4)

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected as below:

Joint Chairs: Phil Chandler and Trevor Smith.

Treasurer / Membership Secretary: Adrian Gale.

Committee Secretary: Peter Smith.

Re-election of current Committee (4)

Gavin Pettigrew, Jane Stevenson, Mike Burge and Ron Aston.

Election of new committee member (1) Proposed, seconded and elected:

Les Coultas.

President (1)

Roger Bibbings will continue as President of HHSG

Topics for seminars etc in 2021

Adrian showed a slide with suggestions for events while suggestions from members included Occupational Health, “Cobots”, PPE for Covid, Zero Harm and Mental Health.

COVID Update

* Gavin shared slides to update the meeting on the recent Covid guidelines.
* Roger suggested putting info from RoSPA etc on our website.

OPEN FORUM

* The committee were asked if HHSG could make a donation to charity (eg: Hereford foodbank) – this to be discussed at the next committee meeting
* Advice on charity groups.
* It was suggested three areas where HHSG can help: i) Training for voluntary sector board members. ii) Visits to voluntary sectors. iii) Using funds to pay for aids.
* There are grants available for groups as ours if needed.
* It was suggested we ask our members to ask how we should use surplus funds.
* Skill-set details were suggested to help members contact the right person.
* Questions were asked about first aid training during covid restrictions. It was mentioned Red Cross classes at the Kindle Centre, that some classes are segregated, with tutors lateral-flow tested.
* Details would be shared on covid ref: construction and transportation.
* Training courses for Blacksmithing were mentioned and this highlighted the relevance of LOcHER for students.

Close of AGM and Meeting.

The meeting finished at 11:15 - Trevor thanked everyone for attending.

CIRC: 2021 Committee

Peter Smith – Secretary – HHSG – Jan 20th 2021