

Annual General Meeting of the Chingford Historical Society held on 24th March 2022

1. Apologies for absence. Received from Peter Uglow, Keith and Cynthia Wenden, Anne and John Hunter, Lynn and Peter Haseldine-Jones

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 18 March 2021. These were approved by 43 members with no votes against or abstentions.

3. Chairman's report. This was approved by 43 members with no votes against or abstentions.

4. Treasurer's report. This was approved by 43 members with no votes against or abstentions.

5. Adoption of accounts. In answer to queries from members present it was explained that there is a fixed fee for Zoom (if under 100 participants) and that this year fees for speakers had increased. The fee for the hire of the school building was £37 an hour. The proposal to ring fence £1,000 for publications for the next five years was approved with 42 in favour and one abstention. The accounts were adopted by 42 members with one abstention.

6. Election of officers. The Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Membership Secretary were all re-elected by 42 members with no votes against or abstentions. The rest of the committee were re-elected by the same margin. Marion Fox volunteered to join the committee, and having been proposed by Simon Goulter and seconded by Joanna Moncrieff was elected by 12 of the members present.

7. Any other business. Publicity. Our chairman does do weekly pieces for the Waltham Forest Guardian but it was suggested the W.F. Echo would benefit from pieces on Chingford.

One of the members present asked if the minutes of the committee were made available to the members, as there seemed to have been a lack of communication recently. The Chairman agreed that they should be made available on the Society's website.

A question was asked about the storage of the Society's archives at the Vestry House Museum in Walthamstow. The Chairman replied that it was proposed to digitise suitable parts of the archive as its physical removal was not possible.

The question of outings was raised. The Chairman thought that coach trips were not safe at the moment, but we might do the Heritage Trail as a group, perhaps on 7th May.

In answer to a question as to whether membership fees will rise, the Chairman replied that there was no immediate plan to do this, but it might be necessary in the future.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.