

Minutes of the REAP AGM for the year 2022/2023

Held on Sat, 22nd April, 2023 at St Andrews Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, Leeds, LS8 1DS

34 members and trustees were present. Apologies were received from trustees Adam Millican-Slater and Alexis Percival.

Opening Words

- Rob Greenwood, chairing the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- He explained the purpose of the AGM – and that this is an opportunity for REAP members to ask questions and also feedback about the organisation's activities.
- He mentioned it was nice to see members turn out in such numbers and to meet locals interested in acting on climate change.
- He ran through the agenda with a brief overview of what each segment will contain.
- He asked if any members had any initial questions before the proceedings began.

Speaker 1 – Paul Ellis – Green Finances

- Paul Ellis, Trustee of REAP, gave a presentation on green financing
- He covered the current situation with green financing in the banking industry.
- This included some of the changes being put in place within banking to become greener, and also some of the challenges preventing this from embedding further.
- He provided details for ways people can make their money work better for the environment
- After 30 minutes of presenting the audience were offered the chance to answer questions.

Section 3: The AGM Items of Business

- Trustees came to sit at the front of the session per charity commission guidelines
- Approval of previous AGM minutes:
 - Minutes of the previous AGM on Jan 20th, 2021 were proposed to be accepted as a true record by Rob Greenwood
- Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts for the year ending March '22
 - These were not signed off at the session as a vote could not be conducted as one member raised a concern that the annual report had not been sent to members. This was apologised for.
 - The vote was deferred to post-midway break. However, at that time, the chair proposed this be done after the session, as a vote at the AGM would not be possible given the time given to members to review the report.
 - The trustees will share the report with members after the AGM and provide time for a review.
 - Exact method of sign off will be confirmed very soon
- Election of Trustees
 - Trustees standing down:
 - Rob Greenwood advised that Adam Millican-Slater, who has not been actively working with REAP for some months, had advised ahead of the session that he wished to be stood down as a trustee. This was proposed by Rob Greenwood and seconded by Amanda Cottrell

- Trustees being elected:
- Amanda Cottrell, who has been a trustee since 2018 and was due to stand down, had issued a statement ahead of the AGM stating her wish to re-stand as a trustee. This was proposed by Rob Greenwood and seconded by Barbara Whitehouse
- Alexis Percival, who has also been a trustee since 2018 and was due to stand down, had not issued a statement to re-stand ahead of the AGM. However, as no desire to stand down had been issued, Rob Greenwood proposed she be re-elected as a trustee. This was seconded by Murray Hawtin. Alexis has confirmed this is her wish post meeting.
- Barbara Whitehouse, current treasurer of REAP, had issued a statement ahead of the AGM wishing to continue as treasurer. This was proposed by Rob Greenwood and seconded by Amanda Cottrell.
- Mid-year, Jane Stanbury had joined the organisation as a trustee and has been working on various initiatives. This was proposed by Rob Greenwood and seconded by Barbara Whitehouse
- Paul Ellis had also joined as a trustee mid-year. His election was proposed by Rob Greenwood and seconded by Murray Hawtin.
- Post trustee election, Chair Rob Greenwood added that he had stated when accepting the chair role that this would be for a period of two years, and reiterated that he intends to step down as Chair at the next AGM.

Break held for 20 minutes at 3pm

Speaker 2 – Martin Schweiger: Medact

- Martin Schweiger gave a presentation detailing some of the increased health considerations and health risks of climate change
- This lasted 30 minutes.
- There was an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

Closing Statements

- Rob Greenwood thanked people for attending and offered a chance for people to ask any further questions about REAP
- He stated that REAP hope to share details of our planned activities for the coming year and advised ideas from members would be welcomed
- He also mentioned there had been feedback in the break that trustees should be more visible. He advised there is a webpage on the REAP website detailing the trustees and offered to share more info in the next REAP newsletter.
- Mary Clayton then gave a 1 minute overview of a proposed REAP bookclub, which we are in discussions about creating. She offered people the opportunity to leave their contact details at the back of the room if they are interested in joining.
- The session was closed.