

Minutes of West Sussex Coeliac AGM – Redeemer Centre, Worthing Guildbourne Centre

Saturday 25th June 2022 @ 14.30

In attendance were 17 Members and 2 non-members, including the current Committee of:

Mike Butler – Group Organiser

Gillian Carr – Treasurer

Tracey Martin – Secretary

Lisa Warring - Admin assistant

1. **Welcome** – Mike welcomed all and thanked everyone for coming.
2. **Apologies for absence** – none received.
3. **2020 & 2021 Review** - Last AGM minutes (March 2020) proposed by Nicholas seconded by Andy. There was no 2021 AGM due to COVID. Gillian summarised by saying that the committee had met via zoom during the last 2 years. Other than that nothing formal within the group had happened during and since lockdown. However the Worthing group have resumed meeting with coffee mornings and a Christmas meal and anyone wishing to organise any event are welcome to do so (*see 6 iii*)
4. **Group Finances Report** – Gillian presented accounts (see copy below) for the 2 years since the last AGM was held and reported that the group has a positive account balance of c. £7,500. This is made up of the £5K donation from Anna (Physically received into the Group Account after the 2020 AGM) plus a residual amount of c.£2.5K in situ before Anna’s legacy.
5. **Election of Committee Members** – All of the current committee indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election. In the absence of any additional volunteers, Mike, Gillian, Lisa & Tracey were re-elected en-bloc. Proposer Helen, Seconder Pam. NB. It was stated that there were vacancies on the committee (in particular for an Events organiser) should anyone wish to volunteer their services either today or by contacting a member of the committee at a future date.
6. **Questions /Open discussion**
 - i) It was stated that the existing Committee members will continue to stay in place until such time as Anna’s legacy had been spent in line with her wishes:- Namely £4k on an event for children in the area and a further £1K for a ‘party’. (The latter not specifically being for children.). The committee are looking at a further Butlin’s day and will meet in due course to discuss how to spend any remainder.
 - ii) Gillian mentioned since lockdown some local county groups had ceased meeting and once Anna’s wishes had been met it is likely that our group may also cease in a formal sense (*in the absence of any volunteers coming on-board*). In such an event all remaining funds will automatically transfer to Coeliac UK and with this in mind it is our preference to utilise the funds for the benefit of our local group if at all possible.
 - iii) Coeliac UK have adopted a more relaxed stance on informal events being staged by individuals and are now happy for these to be advertised via the Coeliac UK website. In which case anyone wishing to publish details are welcome to contact Tracey or Lisa. Please note that these events should aim to be self-funding, however the Committee would be more than happy to be contacted about ideas for events anyone would like to organise, for which they would like some additional funding from the Group to be considered. We can be contacted at the email WestSussex@Coeliac.org.uk
 - iv) Gillian will see if a meal might be arranged in the Mid-Sussex area.
 - v) Tracey will enquire if the Worthing coffee mornings can be publicised.
 - vi) Mike will arrange a date for a resumption of the Hassocks South Downs Garden Centre

breakfast informal gatherings and notify previous attendees of the initial date along with it being added to our website.

7. **AOB** – None
8. Meeting closed with thanks to Gillian for providing the complimentary tea and cake, funded by the group.

West Sussex Coeliac Group Annual Accounts Summary 2020

Period 1/1/2020 – 31/12/2020

Opening Balance 2351.70

Income

Bank compensation 150.00

Legacies (Anna Henderson) 5000.00

AGM meal 336.00

Refund Angmering Deposit 140.00

Butlins payments 954.00

Newsletter postage 3.00

Total 6583.00

Expenditure

AGM 444.18

Butlins refunds 812.00

Donation Coeliac UK 71.00

Newsletters 20.02

Postage 4.20

Total 1351.40

Closing EOY Balance 7583.30

20th April 2022

West Sussex Coeliac Group Annual Accounts Summary 2021

Period 1/1/2021 – 31/12/2021

Opening Balance 7583.30

Income

Meal payment in error 10.00

Expenditure

Refund of payment made 10.00

Closing EOY Balance 7583.30

20th April 2022