LONDON STROLLERS ANNEX A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES
of the Annual General Meeting held at
The Guide's Room, Coram's Fields, 93 Guilford Street, WC1N 1DN
at 1430 on 26 October 2019

PRESENT

Helen Abbott (Secretary), Terry Ahern, John Arnold, Bernie Arundel, Derek Barnsley, Mike Biggs, Elfi Colman, Pam Davison, Les Douglas (Walks Coordinator), Daphne Earl, David Hayward, Tony Hill, Jill Jahans, Chris Jones, Pauline Jones, Mervion Kirwood (Committee Member on Area Council), Kathy Langley, Kathleen Newton, Derek Purcell, Genevieve StGeorge, Rory Smith, Keith Southam, Andy Strouthous (Treasurer), Beatrix Tremlett, Clare Wadd (Area Chair), Mirella Wells, Adrian White, Ron Whitmill, and Jim Wright (Chair).

19-10-01 WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed Strollers members, associate members and members of other groups, including Clare Wadd, Area Chair, to the Annual General Meeting

19-10-02 APOLOGIES:

Christina Lee (Membership Secretary).

19-10-03 MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. NOTED: the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting [**Annex 1** to the record copy of the minutes]

2. RESOLVED: to APPROVE the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 October 2018.

Proposed: ***Mervion Kirkwood***
Seconded: ***Pam Davison***

19-10-04 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2019-2020

1. NOTED: that

(i) the Chair had tendered his resignation, with effect from the date of the AGM;

(ii) only members of the London Strollers group were eligible for election as committee members, and

(iii) all officers were required to resign at the AGM, and stand for re-election where appropriate.

2. FURTHER NOTED:

(I) that the role of IT Officer was currently shared between Helen Abbott and Andy Strouthous, and
(ii) London Strollers was entitled to two Committee representatives on Area Council, in addition to any holding an *ex officio* post.

3. RESOLVED: to APPROVE the election of the London Strollers Committee for 2019-20 as follows:

(i) to re-elect the following officers for 2019-20:

Secretary:	Helen Abbott
Treasurer:	Andy Strouthous
Membership Secretary:	Christina Lee
Walks Coordinator:	Les Douglas, and

(ii) to elect Mervion Kirwood as Chair and London Strollers representative on Area Council for the period 2019-20.

Proposed: ***Pam Davison***
Seconded: ***Terry Ahern***

19-10-05 WALKS REPORT

1. NOTED: an oral report by the Walks Coordinator, stating that:

(i) Strollers had produced 4 walks programmes, and conducted 144 walks since the last AGM, representing an increase from 125 walks for the same period the previous year;

(ii) attendance on walks ranged from 4 to 57, and averaged between 25 to 35; was up on last year, and

(iii) special events included walks put on for London National Park City Week and Car-Free Day in the City of London, as well as some evening walks.

3. RESOLVED: to APPROVE a vote of appreciation and thanks to the 19 walk leaders for all their efforts.

Proposed: ***Kathy Langley***
Seconded: ***Andy Strouthous***

19-10-06 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1. NOTED: a report by the Membership Secretary tabled in her absence [**Annex 2** to the record copy of the minutes], stating that:

(I) the number of members at the end of September 2019 was 185, an increase of 12.1% since September 2018;
(ii) this represented the highest percentage increase of any group in the Inner London Area, and was the highest-ever membership figure for London Strollers, and
(iii) the latest Walks Programme had been sent by post to 41 members (including some who received postal and email copies) and 14 associate members; associate members who receive the programme by post paid £5 per year; there was no change for full members.

19-10-07 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2018-19

1. NOTED: a report and audited accounts [**Annex 3** to the record copy of the minutes] together with an oral report by the Treasurer, stating that:

(I) the group had received a budget of £315 for the year from Central Office, and had requested a similar amount for the coming year;

(ii) other funding was available from associate members who paid £5 per annum to receive the Walks Programme by post; associate members mainly opted to pay this by cheque or by cash;

(iii) the group's reserves stood at just over 50%, well within the range recommended by Central Office;

(iv) in response to a question from the Chair, the majority of the Group's expenditure related to mailing and production costs of the Walks Programme four times a year, as well as room hire and other sundry charges, and

(v) the number of members in the Group did not directly impact on the level of grant awarded by Central Office, provided this was within reasonable limits, but growth of the Group was desirable to enable its efficient running.

2. RESOLVED: to APPROVE: the accounts for the year 2018-19.

Proposed: ***Terry Ahern***
Seconded: ***Mike Biggs***

19-10-08 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

1. NOTED: an oral report by the Treasurer stating that Kathy Langley, a former civil servant with over 40 years' experience, had agreed to continue as Independent Examiner of the Area's accounts for another year

2. RESOLVED: to APPROVE the appointment of Kathy Langley as Independent Examiner for the next year.

Proposed: Mervion Kirwood
Seconded: Les Douglas

19-10-09 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

1. NOTED: a report by the Secretary containing a document setting out how the Group processes personal data [Annex 24 to the record copy of the minutes], which she had reviewed as required under the General Data Protection Regulation.

2. RESOLVED: to APPROVE the draft "Managing Personal Data" template for use by the Group, for ongoing maintenance by the Secretary, and review at the AGM each year.

Proposed: Kathleen Newton
Seconded: Pam Davison

19-10-10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. NOTED:

(i) an oral report by the Area Council representative covering the group's participation in National Park City Week and Car-Free Day, the new Loop Leaders and Ring Rangers scheme set up to improve conditions on the London Loop and Capital Ring, the new Ramblers App aimed in particular at Walk Leaders to facilitate registration for walks, and a request for help with walks for London Blind Ramblers, and

(ii) a personal statement from the outgoing Chair, explaining his reasons for standing down, both as Chair and as a Walk Leader, although he intended to continue backmarking for other Walk Leaders.

2. RESOLVED: to APPROVE a vote of appreciation and thanks to Jim Wright for his service as Chair since the last AGM, and his contribution as Walk Leader over many years.

Proposed: Helen Abbott
Seconded: Andy Strouthous

The new Chair declared the meeting closed at 1520 hours
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27.10.2019