



Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council
Sunday 26th March 2023, 4:30 pm
Embsay Methodist Hall

Attendees (members of the Group Scout Council)

Andrew Gash (Chair), Andrew Sobala (Treasurer), Laura Sobala (Group Scout Leader), Heather Best, Jo Hartley, Caroline Thornborrow, Matthew McCallum, Francesca Salvini, Caspar Bean, Melanie Jackson, Nick Jackson, Sarah Siddons, Gareth Siddons, Erika Wormald

Minutes

Welcome and introductions (Chair – Andrew Gash)	• Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting
Overview of the year and future plans (GSL – Laura Sobala)	• Laura shared the values of Scouting with all present, and explained how the Group develops the skills and confidence of young people through all its activities. • The Group has a strong outdoor programme and in the past year has done activities including firelighting, camp cooking, hiking, navigation and map reading, den building and trail following. • The young people in each section are working towards their Chief Scout's Award, which is awarded after they achieve every Challenge Award and a certain number of Activity Awards. The Challenge Awards are covered in the section programme. • Future plans include camps for Cubs and Beavers. • A new Squirrels section will be opening in May for 4 and 5-year-olds. • A Scouts section is planned to open in January 2024 when the first round of Cubs age out.

	If anybody would like to help lead any of the sections (but particularly Scouts in the future!) they should talk to any of the leaders about volunteering opportunities.
'Our Scouting Year' (youth members)	Cubs and Beavers told the meeting about their favourite experiences through the year. Highlights included firelighting, outdoor cooking, outdoor skills, learning knots, making dens and teamwork, as well as earning different types of badges. A Beaver member asked for more visits to other organisations (he had particularly enjoyed visiting the Fire Station).
Questions to the Executive Committee	- The Trustees' report had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting - There were no questions raised
Ex Officio membership of the Executive Committee by Section Leaders	Heather Best (Beavers Section Leader) and Caroline Thornborrow (Cubs Section Leader) stated to the meeting their willingness to take up their ex-officio positions on the Executive Committee for the next year.
Voting on resolutions	- The Group Constitution was adopted (14 for, 0 against) - The meeting resolved that the quorum for a meeting of the Group Scout Council would be 10 members (14 for, 0 against) - The meeting resolved that the quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee would be 50% of the Executive Committee membership (14 for, 0 against) - The meeting resolved that the Group Scout Council can elect up to 4 members onto the Executive Committee (14 for, 0 against) - The Trustees' appointment of Joe Walshaw-Scott as Scrutineer of the Accounts for 2022 was approved (14 for, 0 against) - The Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were approved (14 for, 0 against)
Election/approval of Executive Committee members	- The Group Scout Leader's appointment of Andrew Gash as Group Chair was approved (14 for, 0 against) - Sarah Siddons was elected as Group Secretary (13 votes) - Andrew Sobala was elected as Group Treasurer (13 votes) - Erika Wormald was elected as a member of the Executive Committee (14 votes)
AOB	The committee expressed their thanks to Jo Hartley for making cakes which were subsequently enjoyed by all.