

Sustainable Redland Annual General Meeting (2016)

Minutes 10/1/2017

Attendees (11): Sustainable Redland Committee: Vassili Papastavrou (Chair), Roger Gimson (Treasurer), Ian Shergold (Secretary), members of Sustainable Redland, and some interested members of the community and other sustainability groups.

1. Introductions around the table.
2. Chairman's welcome and comments. VP noted that In a rapidly changing environment, SUSRED still has a lot to offer. The contraction of Council services offers new opportunities. As an organisation, we need to be prepared for new roles and new ways to be active in our area. There is also still a real need to provide information in many areas (of sustainability).
3. Minutes of the previous AGM were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: RG presented the highlights of the last year from a financial perspective. This included transactions related to the Winning Whiteladies project, funding for the new garden alongside the United Reformed Church on Whiteladies Road, and the activity relating to the street party kit. The balance of funds in the bank was healthy, but it was also noted that there were no current calls on the money.
5. Whiteladies Farmers Market Report: Robin Haward (RH) provided a written report. The weekly market was functioning well under the stewardship of Andy the market manager and the oversight of RH.
6. Appointment of officers: All current officers offered to stand again. VP – Chair, RG – Treasurer, IS – Secretary. No other nominations had been received. The meeting agreed to re-elect the current officers for another year.
7. RG spoke about the Neighbourhood Partnership. SUSRED has a seat on the committee which allows a voice for sustainability in its activity. RG described what the partnership had done over the previous year, and explained how the partnerships across the city were likely to have a limited future with expected cuts in city council budgets. The meeting agreed that SUSRED would continue to support continuing engagement and connectivity between community groups at this level if there was no neighbourhood partnership in the future.
The meeting agreed that RG should continue to represent SUSRED on the Neighbourhood Partnership
8. There then followed a general open discussion about the type of activity that SUSRED might think about engaging in over the coming year. This ranged from specific activities around energy use and conservation to longer term direction and activity.

Meeting closed. SUSRED is very grateful to Lucy Pedler for hosting this meeting.