## The Landscape Trust; Arnside and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Agenda for Annual General Meeting 2018 to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## at 7.30p.m. at the Heron Theatre, Beetham

- 1. Apologies for Absence:
- 2. Minutes of AGM 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- 3. Matters Arising
- 4. Chairman's report

**4a.** Consider change the constitution to elect 9 trustees at intervals to reduce the risk of terms of office terminating in too large a cluster. Officers to be elected by trustees from with their own number – to serve therefore, generally, for three years rather than one.

5. Treasurer's report

Adoption of accounts, as approved by the trustees at the meeting in May **10 minutes Recommendation for membership fee rate – change proposed with effect from 2020 renewal. £15 individual member, £20 household/family member.** 

- 6. Secretary's report
- 7. Election of Officers:

The following officers are willing to serve for the next year with no alternative nominations: **Chairman:** Fiona Allen

Secretary: Michael Warren

Vice-chairman Colin Peacock (Elected by the trustees)

A treasurer is being sought

8. Election of trustees;

One trustee positions falls vacant this year under the three year term rule. Colin Peacock is willing to stand for another term. No alternative nominations have been received. Peter Stevens wishes to stand down at the AGM, leaving one generic vacancy. SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS

The Honorary Solicitor position remains vacant.

Note on election of Officers and Committee Members: The Managing Committee currently consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and six other elected Committee Members (one of whom will be Vice Chairman). All of these are Trustees. Invited members to the reports part of the Committee Meetings are the Chairman of the Events Committee; Membership Secretary; Volunteer Reserves Officer; Honorary Solicitor, Editor of Keer to Kent and the manager of the AONB unit where these are not already elected Committee Members. The President is an ex-officio member of the committee. Officers are re-elected annually; Trustee Committee Members and Honorary Solicitor serve a three-year term but can be re-elected.

9. Reappointment of Independent Examiner

10. Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting: To be determined.

## Break for refreshments

**Back to Basics – a re-introduction to the delights of the AONB, Mike Warren, followed by Closing comments** Copies of the Constitution, Minutes and Officers' reports and any other AGM documents can be obtained (as they become available) in advance, if required, from the secretary, Mike Warren at the AONB office address or from: secretary@landscapetrust.org.uk or be seen and downloaded from:

http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/get-involved/landscape-trust/officers-management-committee

Other contacts: General enquiries: <u>landscapetrust@arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk</u> Treasurer: <u>treasurer@landscapetrust.org.uk;</u> <u>membership@landscapetrust.org.uk</u>



5 minutes

15 minutes

5 minutes

5 minutes 10 minutes Committee changes at the AGM 2019.

Peter Stevens wishes to stand down as a trustee with effect from the AGM.

Ray Anslow and Mike Warren think it is time to consider moving on but recognise that the loss of two officers at one time may be needlessly disruptive (assuming the membership agrees). Therefore, Ray Anslow is retiring as treasurer this year but has been nominated to the vacancy described above and will continue to help with membership and other matters (and be available to support a new treasurer).

Mike Warren is willing to stay on (subject to membership approval) for another year – but see below.

We are therefore seeking a treasurer to take over from July 2019. If anyone is willing to be considered for this, please get in touch for details. Generally this role involves maintaining good financial records for the Trust and Charity Commission and dealing with receipts and payments, including those relating to Defra grants and the appeal. A background in finance of some sort would presumably be beneficial.

The role of secretary is different in scope and responsibilities but if anyone is interested in this position, please likewise get in touch, and if perchance both roles could be filled with new blood on this occasion full support would be offered. Otherwise next year.

The change to the constitution is suggested to alleviate the problem which could occur were all three officers (or even two) not to be elected for the ensuing year and also if too many trustee vacancies were to occur in any one year. This could create lack of continuity for the management and oversight of the trust. The officer posts would ideally be positions potential new (nominally generic) trustees would have considered themselves suitable for.

Ruth Ainsworth, Editor of Keer to Kent, is travelling next year and so a successor is sought to take over after the summer edition. Anyone with interest and expertise which could be used for this interesting role, please get in touch for the full Terms and Conditions of the Post.