

AGM 2022 – SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you will be aware, although being able to conduct face to face meeting and any volunteering for the duration of the Covid regulations, we have managed to keep the group running with many virtual meetings over the period since lockdown 2020 with in house and with others. We managed to start volunteering again from December 2020, but then had to pause again with the second lockdown, but we have now managed to be back to normal routine with the volunteering.

During the period of enforced inactivity we took the opportunity to revise our style for the newsletter, website and many of our documents had to be updated to comply with the regulations.

One major change that has been ongoing for the last couple of years has been an update to the agreement we have with Forestry England East to undertake volunteering within the forest.

The new arrangement has, unfortunately, not yet been agreed between us and more meetings are on the horizon, but for the time being we are working with the existing process which is due to be extended at this meeting

My job as secretary involves the sending out of many messages, and I'm indebted to Alan as membership officer for the updated lists for contacts etc. on a regular basis that means I am able to get the information out to our members, and of course his incredible book keeping abilities.

Katherine has continued with the unenviable task of recording our volunteer hours and associated data for FE. I would also like to thank Clare for taking on the task of running the Arboretum group and keeping the committee up to date on progress there, and of course to Anne for her leadership during these difficult times and keeping the archaeological side of the volunteering going.

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