



Annual General Meeting  
25 June 2014, 7.30 pm in the Lancaster Room  
at The Chantry, Thornbury

#### Minutes

Present: Bob and Judith Dale, Andy O'Brien, Marian Stevens, Ray and Barbara Day, Brett and Felicity Harrison, Alan and Margaret Pinder, Jerry and Val Harding and Diane and Nick Barnard.

1. Apologies for absence: Maggie Jeffries, Paula Hunt and Andrew Mearman.
2. Minutes of 2013 AGM were approved. It was agreed to carry forward the outstanding action to the coming year.
3. Treasurer's Report had been circulated in advance and was approved after discussion.

We have a budget surplus. We had a small grant for the Council for work on Chantry, this has not been spent and should it be returned. They say they will ask for a report on how it was spent but this has not happened. For the moment it is South Gloucestershire's, so we have 1400 we can spend. The Treasurer did, however, point out that when we apply for grants in future we should aim to get the money 'up front'. We do need to watch carefully the terms under which grants are given.

GYOF actually broke even, as did the Energy Smart Homes Trail.
4. Chairman's report was circulated in advance and approved after discussion. Alan apologised for omitting the talk on fracking by accident, but thanks were given to all for the work they had done on that, and all other projects.

Barbara commented that the Pop up Shop was worth doing. Interest in light bulbs and energy tips were welcomed. Those who stopped were interested in doing their best, and were doing the most things already, but were looking to see if there was anything else they could do. Marian felt that the shop was rather dark and difficult to notice. The Volunteer Group was thin, but home made pottery and jewellery was visible. Ray felt that some thought it was a charity shop and therefore found it a bit confusing.

Barbara thought that The Energy Smart Homes Trail Hub had more than the 43 visits mentioned in the report. South Gloucestershire has said that there will be no funds to support another another event next year, and that we would have to do another one on a shoe string. It could perhaps be included on the discovery trail. The publicity for that would be free. Barbara expressed her disappointment at this. It had been thought that South Gloucestershire had wanted to do a trail themselves in future years. It was acknowledge with thanks that SWEA had been a great help and had given us a great deal of help.
5. Election of officers: Alan would do a third year as Chairman, Paula would do a second year as Treasurer, and Felicity would take the lead role of Secretary, whilst Brett retained information duties for a second year.
6. As required by the constitution, the membership fees were reviewed, and it was agreed that they should be nil for 2014-15.
7. The Chair, Treasurer and Brett were appointed to be the bank account signatories.
8. Felicity gave a short report on her representation for Sustainable Thornbury on the Environment Committee. Brett talked about the tree group, commenting that 'waste ground' is used for this. Occasional vandalism happens, as does damage by the wind. South Gloucestershire normally replaces these. Brett also reported on the Filnore Allotments which is thriving, and the Compost Heap which South Glos propose to close unless some other arrangement can be made.
9. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.