

Committee Meeting held at Jane Burgess's 19th September 2017

There was no agenda for this meeting which was called primarily to discuss the way forward for the Group.

Chris Norman, who has been secretary and/or acting secretary for at least three sessions and also Chairman for a three year stint, has decided to no longer be on the Committee as from the next AGM in November. So we are faced with the prospect of no secretary. Alan said he was prepared to go on being Chairman and Jane, who is Vice Chairman, would be prepared to do secretarial work excluding "Speaker Secretary". Jane declared that she would be Vice-Chairman but never Chairman.

Chris had been told at the Shepton Show that people were afraid to come forward to be on the Committee because they were afraid of both Chris and Eleanor. This was a surprise to the committee and the consensus was that we have to resign ourselves to few people, if any, coming forward.

The outcome of the meeting was that we do not wish to see the Group die. It is financially sound with about £2,300 cash reserve but poor attendance is adversely affecting viability, as is membership fall off to about 50. The forced move to Wednesday nights has seen attendance drop to being in the twenties instead of the thirties.