

Hartley Wintney Twinning Association

twinned with Saint-Savin (France) and Malle (Belgium)

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: 27th APRIL 2022

TIME: 19:30

PLACE: WI HUT, GREEN LANE, HARTLEY WINTNEY

1. Welcome by Vice President Gerda Bennett

Gerda welcomed 20 attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from: Sarah and Malcolm Park, Phil Missen, Helen Matthews, Mike Croxford, Hazel Burgess, and Cathy Roberts.

3. Background to the Reconstitution of HWTA

Gerda gave a brief history of twinning in Hartley Wintney, from its inception in 1981 with Saint-Savin, its expansion to include Malle in 1999, the focus on youth twinning from 2011, the later failure to form a committee and the caretaker role of HWPC until now.

4. Adoption of the Constitution

The proposed Constitution had been distributed in advance of the meeting. It was adopted unanimously without amendment.

5. Request for nominations for Chairman

Gerda announced her willingness to stand as Chairman and was elected unopposed.

6. Request for nominations for Secretary

Gerda nominated David Skellern as Secretary. He was elected unopposed.

7. Request for nominations for Treasurer

Gerda nominated Sue Skellern as Treasurer. She was elected unopposed.

8. Request for nominations for up to four Committee Members

Four people agreed to act as Committee Members and were elected unopposed: Sheila Smith, Rosie Hughes, Heather Sutcliffe and Jenny Roberts.

9. Nomination of Louise Cox as Lifetime Vice-President

Gerda proposed Louise Cox be awarded the honorary, lifetime position of Vice-President in recognition of her outstanding service to twinning in Hartley Wintney. The proposal was carried unanimously.

10. Open session to discuss the Aims for HWTA for 2022-23

A number of points were raised:

Cllr Jonathan Glenn suggested that Hartley Wintney's County Councillor may be able to assist HWTA with a community grant and proposed that an application be submitted.

Several attendees wanted the possibility of twinning with a Ukrainian or Russian community to be explored at an appropriate time.

It was noted that some events are already planned:

- Triathletes from Malle will visit Hartley Wintney for the 20th time for the Hart Sprint Triathlon on 2nd May;
- The Communes of Saint-Savin have issued an invitation to residents of Hartley Wintney, Heckfield, Mattingley, Rotherwick, and Winchfield to join a celebration of 40 years of twinning from 13th – 15th August;
- Hartley Wintney is due to host a walking weekend in 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10 and invited all to remain for refreshment and an informal chat.