



# Bexhill Environmental Group

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## **AGENDA for Annual General Meeting**

**Beulah Hall, Clifford Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1QA**

**Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm**

- 1 Minutes of the last AGM
- 2 Chairperson's Report
- 3 Treasurer's Report and Accounts
- 4 Election of Officers and Committee
- 5 Any other business

Please find the following documents

- 1 - Minutes from last AGM
- 2 - Accounts for 2020/21
- 3 – Accounts for 2019/20

**Bexhill Environmental Group AGM 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
held at Beulah Baptist Church Hall, Bexhill at 7pm

**Committee Members present:** Rosalind Clayton (RC, Chair), Chris Ashford (CA, Treasurer), Jackie Turner (JT, Minutes Secretary), Russell Dufton (RD), Nick Hollington (NH), Nick Redman (NR), Malcolm Turner (MT), Peter Winchester (PW)

**Apologies for Absence:** Sandy Melvin (SM), Doug Oliver (DO)

**Minutes of the last AGM**

All members were sent an email prior to the meeting with a link to the Minutes of the last AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. These were approved.

**Chairperson's Report**

Ros Clayton gave the following report:

“ Welcome and thank you all for coming. We look forward to hearing Emma talking about Air Pollution as soon as this short business AGM is finished.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work especially Polly Gray, Minutes secretary for most of the year, her husband John and Doug Oliver who all resigned recently due to council work. We shall miss you. We have lost Marie Miller and Carol Thomas also during the year, however have gained two new committee members, Jackie, now Minutes secretary, and Malcolm Turner, who have been extremely active and a huge help. Enormous thanks go to Chris Ashford who is not only treasurer, but also membership secretary and IT and printing guru. New members are always welcome to join our committee, especially anyone with secretarial and publicising experience.

This year our activities have been very much a continuation of last year's work.

I would like to highlight the tree sub committee's work led by Russell Dufton. His group have planted trees on the Downs along Little Common Road and 120 trees in Bexhill Cemetery as well as in several roads. This is a new venture as Russell works closely with Rother District Council and other authorities. Thanks to Rother Environmental Group for a grant to buy tubes to protect the planted trees, thanks to Rother District Council and to Hastings Direct also for their grants. Small saplings we can source free of charge from The Woodland Trust but we plan to buy some more mature larger trees which are more expensive. An Expression of Interest has been submitted to the Urban Tree Challenge Fund to enable us to plant 1000 trees in the foreseeable future - an ongoing project.

Schools have been contacted and we are hoping in this coming year to work more closely with environmental eco groups in some establishments as well as planting more trees there.

The Downs have been cleaned monthly through the summer, and now we are starting our monthly beach cleans again on October 17<sup>th</sup> for the winter. Grateful thanks to the Lions who donated much needed new equipment to us including hi-vis jackets.

We have also facilitated many beach cleans for various groups, eg Cubs and private schools, throughout the summer, and some roadside verge cleans too. This is an area we might be expanding this coming year. Beach surveys have been adopted as part of our remit, gathering scientific data for the Marine Conservation Society. Participation in the Bexhill Shoresearch event is supported by us and teaches us so much about the sea life on our beach at low tide.

A small group of us continue every month to plant flowers and tend the unadopted ground either side of the path under the Glyne Gap railway bridge, with Ian Hollidge still painting over the graffiti and hacking down the brambles.

We were blessed with a wonderful weekend at the Festival of the Sea a couple of weeks ago and had 300 people visit our stall. Now we have literature about BEG and our activities we can distribute and intend to have a presence at other like-minded events. We have been given the use of a notice board within Bexhill Museum, where we are able to display local information.

The talks this year have attracted large audiences. Thanks to Nick Hollington for organising them. In October we held a joint talk with Rother Environmental Group concerning Waste and Recycling, (the next joint meeting will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October on Food), in February a talk on "Earth rising, Communities rising 2019?", in April it was on "The Arctic Ocean, Earth's Climate Controller", and in July "Cleaner Rivers, Cleaner Seas".

We hope you will continue to support us as we expand our new activities and we look forward to you joining us at more events.

Thank you. "

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chris Ashford gave the Treasurer's report, as follows:

" The accounts are available on our website and all members were sent a link by email prior to the meeting.

Income came from subscriptions of £1066; donations totalling £804 (including Elini's sponsored beach clean £135; Barcombe, the contractor on the new by-pass, £100 and Hastings Direct £300); and grants of £1048 (£398 from Rother District Council and £650 from Rother Environmental Group).

Expenditure was Insurance £111; events including talks £347; printing and website £164; capital items £402 (grabbers, rings and Hi Viz jackets); £650 on tree project with tree guards for the cemetery trees which were funded by the REG grant.

We have a net income over expenditure of £1239. There is £1164 in the bank, with a cheque from REG for £650 outstanding.

The committee have plans to plant 10 plus larger trees 2 – 2.5 metre which are going to cost £45 each and some signage for when we are working for safety and to inform the public who we are and that we are working to improve the environment with the either cleaning or tidying up a garden or other site, beach cleaning etc. ”

A link to the following Income and Expenditure Account was circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **Income and Expenditure account 2018/19**

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Subscriptions	1,066.29	Insurance	111.72
Donations	803.78	Events	347.24
Grants	1,048.49	Printing	164.15
		Capital Items	402.53
		Tree materials	649.20
		Bank Charges	4.59
	2,918.56		1,679.43
		Excess income	1,239.13

#### **BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2019**

B/Fwd surplus	574.82	Cash	-
Add	1,239.13	Bank	1,163.95
		Creditors	650.00
	1,813.95		1,813.95

12th September 2019 C J Ashford Hon Treasurer

There are 166 fully-paid up members, which compares very favourably to 106 a year ago.

#### **Election of Officers/Committee**

The present committee were asked to stand up. No new committee members came forward. There were no objections to the present committee continuing, so the chairperson and members were duly elected and confirmed.

#### **Any Other Business**

None.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm and was followed by a talk on “Facts about Air Pollution” by Emma Gibbons.

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## Income and Expenditure account BEG

2020/21

### Income

Subscriptions	1,084.46
Donations	2,391.67
Grants	2,640.12

### Expenditure

Insurance	111.72
Events	200.00
Printing	44.44
Capital Items	401.63
Tree materials	6,159.41
Bank Charges	24.86

6,116.25

6,942.06

Excess  
income/(exp) (825.81)

## BALANCE SHEET 31ST AUGUST 2021

B/Fwd surplus	7,138.83
Add/Less	(825.81)

6,313.02

Cash	10.00
Bank	6,303.02

Creditors -

6,313.02



C J Ashford

6th September  
2021

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## Income and Expenditure account BEG

2019/20

### Income

Subscriptions	1,101.00
Donations ***	4,694.91
Grants	-

### Expenditure

Insurance	121.72
Events	122.14
Printing	49.38
Capital Items	-
Tree materials	159.49
Bank Charges	18.30

5,795.91	471.03
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Excess income 5,324.88

### BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2020


B/Fwd surplus	1,813.95
Add	5,324.88

Cash	10.00
Bank	7,128.83

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Creditors -

\*\*\* donation includes £ 4,000.00 which is for the tree projects



C J Ashford

5th Sept. 2020