

**Basingstoke Transition Network**  
**Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 15th May 2018,**  
7.00 pm, Market Chambers, Wote Street, Basingstoke RG21 7QE

Present: 8 members;

Apologies: Martin Heath and one other member;

1. Approval of minutes of 2017 AGM – these were approved with correction to reference to Martin Biermann as vice-chair (“willingness” rather than “an interest”);
2. Financial report – This was accepted (attached), and Rob Score was thanked for preparing it;
3. Change in Constitution (new clause to accommodate GDPR) – this was accepted, as was a motion to name the Secretary as BTN’s Data Controller;
4. Elections for officers:
  - (a) Chair – it was agreed that Martin Heath should be BTN’s spokesperson, and Martin Biermann would be Vice-Chair and would chair business meetings;
  - (b) Secretary – Sheila Peacock to continue;
  - (c) Treasurer – Rob Score to continue;
5. Motion  
The following motion was submitted by Heather Rainbow and Serena Coombs:

“In order to reduce the workload of BTN and make meetings more focussed and efficient:

1. Monthly management meetings shall last no longer than one hour
2. BTN may make a request to other organisations/groups/persons to provide help, but will not prescribe how that group/person organises its activities.
3. BTN shall use email communications not committee time to circulate news and reports
4. BTN recognises it has limited manpower, skills and resources and cannot undertake all that it would like. Where possible it will delegate tasks or recruit volunteer(s) for specific tasks/jobs.”

After some discussion the motion was referred to the “committee” to consider at business meetings. Discussion included:

- Need to improve on social evenings since no-one comes to present socials at Tea Bar before CafeSci – probably move to later in a different evening, at Red Lion;
  - Invite other organisations to attend these (but don’t try to control them);
  - Online conferencing might be used for some business meetings;
  - Insert “aim to” or “normally” in first clause, so meetings need not be guillotined.
6. SP omitted to deliver the Annual Report to the meeting: agreed this be circulated to the committee and, if considered appropriate, to the wider membership;

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Sheila Peacock, Secretary, Basingstoke Transition Network.

## Annual Report

- Green Week 2017 – more than 33 activities; BTN held stall in The Malls and arranged showings of film “Tomorrow” and build-your-own solar charger workshop;
- Air pollution meeting held at BVH during Green Week, attended by local councillors;
- Council has put air quality monitors at three sites that we suggested;
- We gave presentation to Council Community, Environment and Partnerships committee in Jan 2018, having run up an e-petition that got 138 signatures: our points were incorporated into the committee’s minutes and we were invited to return in a year’s time;
- We attended and spoke at Manydown Overview Committee in November 2017;
- BTN members attended Horizon 2050 events and found general support for low-carbon, low-pollution Borough in 2050;
- BTN has been involved in Hampshire Climate Action Network, and makes use of its members’ links with South West Action Group, Brookvale Community Association, Cycle Basingstoke, Incredible Edible, Natural Basingstoke and Cafe Scientifique;
- BTN’s website, Facebook page and Twitter feed have been used to publicise our events; a data privacy statement has been posted on the website in preparation for GDPR, and a data policy composed.

### Things we have not done:

- Made use of local newsletters to broadcast our air pollution or other concerns;
- Contacted all Council candidates directly at election time or entered into serious dialogue with them;
- Direct work with residents (other than one thermal camera visit).