

SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST
Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting
held at 10.00am on Saturday 12 November 2022
at Dorking Halls

Present:

47 Trust members

10 Trustees

In attendance:

Trust staff

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association to allow hybrid members' meetings.

Angela Swarbrick (Chair) introduced the resolution. Although ideally we meet in person to enable members to take part in the governance of the Trust and share the work SWT is doing the Trust wants to be accessible to as many members as possible. Technology now allows us to accommodate members who do not wish to, or are unable to, attend meetings in person by conducting "hybrid" meetings – meetings where members can attend both virtually and in-person.

To hold meetings in this way requires a special resolution to be passed so that the Articles of Association of Surrey Wildlife Trust can be amended. The proposed amendments will enable members to attend, hear and participate in members' meetings both in-person and virtually. The amendments define the meaning of "hybrid", and "virtually", how members meetings will be held including notice and quorum requirements, how voting is managed through polls and the circumstances under which meetings may be adjourned.

The Chair noted that passing a special resolution in an EGM requires 75% of votes received being in favour of the special resolution.

Questions from members:

Question received prior to the meeting:

Q: Can you confirm that members attending both in-person and virtually will be treated with equal weight and priority.

A: Angela Swarbrick responded: In hybrid meetings we will treat in-person and virtual attendance as equal in both the presentation of information and the participation of members.

Questions from the floor:

Q: When voting is held will the breakdown between votes cast virtually and those cast in-person be made known?

A: Roger Wild responded: This is not a requirement of the Articles of Association but we will show that split and record it in the minutes.

Q: How is the Trust able to prove that those people joining online are members and have a right to vote?

A: Roger Wild responded: each member is provided with a specific link for the meeting and they are required to log in with their membership number and postcode to enter the meeting.

There being no further questions in the room the meeting moved to vote on the Resolution:

Proposed : Peter Sutton

Seconded: Chris Wilkinson

In favour: 621

Against: 1

Abstentions :0

The breakdown of the vote was*:

	For	Against	Abstained
Proxy Votes	575	1	0
Members attending the EGM in person	46	0	0
Total	621	1	0

*detail was not announced at the meeting.

The Chair announced that the number of votes including proxy votes in favour mean that the resolution was passed.

The Chair thanked the members for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting.