

3rd January 2025

MINUTE OF COLWALL GREENER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2024 AT 7PM IN THE COLWALL PARK HOTEL

Present:

Hannah Wall - Convenor
Helen Heathfield - Membership Secretary
Martin Blamire, Liz Hill - Committee members without portfolio
Sheila Wren - Secretary

6 members

Apologies

Andrew Glazzard (Treasurer), Linda and Peter Cox, Susan Fagg

ITEM 1 – REPORT OF CG ACTIVITY 2024/5

1.1 The Convenor gave a summary of Colwall Greener Activity in 2025 and thanked everyone who had given their support:

December - Christmas social
January - Talk – Ledbury Repair Café talk
February - ‘Celebrating our Hedges’ - joint event with Colwall Parish Council and Colwall Orchard Group.
March - Workshop - Climate Fresk
April - Talk - How to make your home more energy efficient.
May - Talk – Net Zero
May/June - Display in Millenium Room – World Environment Day
Jul – Nov - Ecofest prep
9th Nov - Ecofest – Home Energy Efficiency.

1.2 The Meeting unanimously approved the Annual Report.

ITEM 2 – PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

2.1 As the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting, the Secretary presented the accounts as follows:

Balance at 30th November 2024: £185.38

Balance at 30th November 2023: £199.91

Income

Membership fees: £32.50

Event collection: £30.97

Expenditure

Banner printing: £78

2.2 The meeting unanimously approved the Annual Accounts.

2.3 For information, the Ecofest balance sheet is attached.

ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

3.1 Hannah Wall announced she would be standing down as Convenor after 2 years in post but wished to remain involved in Colwall Greener. She indicated that she would be willing to continue as a Committee Member Without Portfolio. The meeting conveyed their heartfelt thanks to Hannah for all her hard work and enthusiasm during her term. Martin Blamire announced that he would be standing down as Committee Member Without Portfolio, and was also thanked for the time and effort he has put in.

3.2 Helen Heathfield, Sheila Wren, Andrew Glazzard and Liz Hill had all indicated that they would be willing to continue in their current committee posts. No other nominations were received.

3.3 The meeting unanimously agreed the following Co-ordinating Committee members:

Convenor	-	currently vacant
Membership Secretary-		Helen Heathfield
Treasurer	-	Andrew Glazzard
Secretary	-	Sheila Wren
Without portfolio	-	Liz Hill (with particular responsibility for website); Hannah Wall.

ITEM 4 – CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1 The meeting unanimously agreed that the membership fee for 2024/5 should remain at £6.50.

ITEM 5 – CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES

5.1 The meeting unanimously agreed that until further notice Andrew Glazzard and Sheila Wren would continue to be the bank signatories.

5.2 The Secretary invited the Meeting to note that the Treasurer was in the process of transferring Colwall Greener's account to a new bank as Lloyds are no longer offering free banking services to community groups such as ours.

Secretary's Note – the new bank will be Nat West.

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 The meeting unanimously agreed that in view of the support the Herefordshire Green Network has provided, such as advertising and information about events and activities, Colwall Greener should continue to be a member.

6.2 There being no further business, the AGM closed at 2000. A further meeting to discuss future activity then ensued.

ITEM 7 – DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.1 The next AGM is provisionally set for 7pm on 2nd December 2025 in the Colwall Park Hotel.

S E WREN, Secretary, Colwall Greener

Enclosures:

1. Ecofestival 2024 balance sheet
2. Summary of informal discussion about future Colwall Greener activities.

COLWALL GREENER ECOFESTIVAL 2024 BALANCE SHEET**Income**

MHNL grant	500.00
Private donations	228.67*
Donations on the day	49.28
Total	777.95

Expenditure

Village Hall hire	143.36
Updates to banners	78.00
Event programmes and art materials	150.00
Flyers	60.00
Woolly Circus	150.00
Teas/coffees/biscuits	26.44
Stationery	15.80
Cakes	154.35
Total	777.95

SUMMARY OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION ABOUT IDEAS FOR FUTURE COLWALL GREENER ACTIVITIES

Pattern of CG meetings

- Quarterly meetings (eg Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) – each with a discussion topic, to be advertised in advance
- Two of the meetings, ie every 6 months, to involve a presentation/activity.

Topic areas

- Re-run of Ecofest 24 HGN talk + case studies; or re-run of all the Ecofest 24 talks.
- Ledbury Cycling Forum
- Herefordshire Food Charter
- ‘Preloved’ event
- Foodbank (**Action:** Sue B will research further)
- Re-using/recycling/‘all about rubbish’-**Action:** Helen H to approach Kate Copy.
- Tools for self-reliance – poss talk by Martin B?
- Eco-picnic

Venues

- Poss use RBL Club Colwall. **Action:** Alison R to investigate

Ecofest 2026 ideas

- ‘Food and the land’ – poss involve Hellens’, The Fold. **Action:** SW to speak to Mark Driscoll who is interested in this area.
- Reusing/recycling.

General

Advertise through other like-minded groups, Probus, U3A etc.

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Next Steps

Action: Exec Committee to plan year’s activity – suggested Zoom meeting **6pm, Tues 11th Feb 25.**