

CBA East Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 10th May 2014, at 12.00, At Circus House, Circular Road North, Colchester,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from John Stanford (FEAG) James E.Rose, Bob Carr, Jane Carr, Adrian Cole (Treasurer), Natasha Hutcheson, John Duffey, Alison Tinniswood (Secretary)

2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 11th May 2013 at the Friends Meeting House, 2 Jesus Lane, Cambridge

The 2013 Minutes were adopted and signed as correct, no matters arising

3. Chairman's Report

Andrew Rogerson summarised the current status of the group, reporting that membership is healthy and last years conference at Bury St Edmunds proved to be very successful, this was the first conference held by the CBA East group. He also reported that the group had organised a number of smaller one day events over the year and that all had been well attended. One grant had been applied for and given of £500

4. Secretary's Report

Alison Tinniswood secretary offered her apologies and sent in the following report:

The Committee held three formal meetings in 2013-2014, in May and September 2013 and February 2014, to develop the Group's events programme and to take decisions concerning applications for grant aid. The meetings also enabled discussion of ongoing issues such as membership numbers, communication with members, and the development of our website (etc.). These meetings were minuted by the Secretary, as was the 2013 Annual General Meeting, held on 11th May 2013. As in previous years, all enquiries received (generated by the website or other sources) have been dealt with, or referred to, for instance, the Membership Secretary.

Alison stepped down from the role of secretary, although she would like to continue as an ordinary committee member. A vote of thanks was recorded for her work on behalf of the group over the years, both for CBA East and previously for CBA Mid Anglia

5. Treasurer's Report

Adrian Cole offered his apologies and provided in the following report:

Apologies for not presenting this report, in person, but unfortunately I have family matters to address in South Wales which I can't ignore. In truth, I would much prefer to be here than there!

Our finances continue to be robust and in the year we generated a surplus of income over expenditure of some £ 574. In the previous year, 2012/13 we suffered a shortfall of £497.

Membership subscriptions were on a par with 2012/13 levels, which were broadly half of those before the changes made at CBA York with regard to opting in/out of regional membership. In the

main most subscriptions came via subventions from York with a few via standing order or direct payment by cheque.

6. Election of committee

Jennifer Maddock proposed the election of committee “en bloc” seconded by Barbara Cushing. The proposal was carried unanimously. The elected officers and ordinary committee members were as follows:

<i>Chairman</i>	Andrew Rogerson
<i>Deputy Chairman</i>	Aileen Connor
<i>Secretary</i>	Natasha Hutcheson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Adrian Cole
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Tim Harper
<i>Newsletter Secretary</i>	Lynn Farrag
<i>Events Secretary</i>	Sarah Poppy
<i>YAC Liaison Officer</i>	Jon House

Ordinary Committee members: David Buckley, Michael Coles, Richard Cushing, Colin Pendleton, Alison Tinniswood

7. Any other business

Mike Heyworth Director of CBA spoke to the group about the role of the CBA and how the groups are crucial to the work of the CBA. He outline the key proposals for the coming year:

Advocacy to be supported by the Local Heritage Environment Network (LHEN) initiative supported by the EsmeFairbairn Foundation

Public participation, particularly encouraging young people and YAC would therefore continue to be a key CBA initiative

Financial Challenges –Due to changes in funding the CBA will be looking at other ways to raise funds for example through national appeals.

Louise Ennis presented key aspects of the newly launched Homefront Legacy Project that will aim to engage local communities in recording the physical traces of WW1 at home

8. Date of next AGM

It was proposed that the next AGM should be held on May 9th 2015 in Norwich subject to confirmation