

**MINUTES OF THE LEWES GROUP CPRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2018
AT THE KING'S CHURCH, LEWES**

Present

Director Kia Trainor, members of the committee and four members.

Apologies for Absence received from Peter Varlow, Nicolette Upton, Judith Haywald, Elizabeth Green, Jane Irons, John and Virginia Hinze, Michael and Christine Isitt, Miles Holford and Janet Downes.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Edmund Critchley briefly ran through the main topics in 2018 mentioning the visit we had arranged in Laughton which had been well-attended. He thanked John Kay for the work he contributed regarding planning matters and regretfully told the meeting that two committee members, Gerald Summerfield and Donald Greenwood had both recently resigned due to health issues. He thanked them both for their contribution to the committee over a number of years.

Planning Report

John Kay brought the meeting up to date with the most recent issues affecting the Lewes District.

The Lewes Local Plan was just available and he stressed that it was available on line and in libraries and it was important to read.

The NPPF had been completely rewritten. There was, as always, great pressure from developers for green field development.

More communication with Parish Councils, especially from rural parishes, was needed and it would be helpful for PC members to be recruited to CPRE and for PCs to know about the Lewes Group activities. It was suggested that we organise a meeting to invite PCs to meet the Group. Copies of their planning submissions would also be most helpful.

It was also suggested that communication with MPs from rural constituencies was desirable as well.

Kia Trainor told the meeting that there was soon to be a National Office membership campaign.

Election of Chairman

Edmund Critchley was re-elected.

Election of Committee

The following members were elected:- Margaret Moore, John Kay, Elizabeth Monnington, Philip Pople, Margaret Thorburn, Robert Cheeseman, Jim Greenwood, Mary Greenwood, Martin Heath, Janet Downes.

There being no further business the meeting closed with refreshments.