

**Minutes of the CPRE Bedfordshire (CIO no 1202399) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting for 2023**  
**Held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 7:30pm**  
The Reading Room, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, MK43 0XE

Attendees: 21 Members. 5 Guests

### **Introduction and welcome**

Martin Christopher (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **Apologies for absence – Fred Motson & Paul Jenkins**

#### **1. Annual Report**

Although the CIO had not been operational Martin Christopher confirmed that there should be a seamless transfer from the Registered Charity to the CIO once the bank account is set up as all the agreements and paperwork is in place. Once operational the CIO will continue the work of the registered charity - 2024 sees the launch our Hedgerow Campaign as part a national CPRE initiative. Funding has been made available with the additional benefit of match-funding support through the Big Give. This financial backing has allowed to start recruiting a Hedgerow Project Officer on a 6 month contract to lead this initiative. Continuing from last year NCPRE is still driving the Rooftop Renewables campaign to realise the potential of solar panels on rooftops rather than taking up valuable agricultural land. So far two of our local MPs, Richard Fuller (North Bedfordshire) and Mohammad Yasin (Bedford and Kempston), have signed up as [parliamentary Rooftop Solar Champions](#).

#### **2. Statement of Accounts for January 2024 to December 2023 and Treasurers Report**

As the CIO does not have any assets or liabilities there is nothing to report.

#### **3. Election of Officers and Executive Committee 2024-2025**

It was proposed and seconded that all appointments were approved en-block and the vote carried by the meeting.

Martin Christopher (Chair)  
Gabiella Davies (Treasurer)  
Colin Haine (Secretary)  
John English  
Fred Motson  
George Karaiskou  
Susan Lynch  
Simon Gratham

#### **4. Any other business**

Nothing was raised

**The Charity Incorporated Organisation AGM closed at 7.45pm.**

Signed following approval as a true record : .....Chair, CPRE Bedfordshire

Date:

The meeting was followed by a presentation on *Hedgerows and their management* by our guest speaker Paul Blissett. His website can be found at the following address:

<https://hedgelayer.co.uk/index.php/articles/hedgelaying-introduction>