Minutes of the AGM DGOWL 08/12/23

Welcome

Present: Elizabeth Tindal, Tom Henry, Cristy Miles, Lusi Alderslowe, Hollie Mitchell, Amy Murray (online)

**Intros**

Hollie Mitchell - Manager at Johnstone Nursery – new outdoor nursery – working on Forest School training.Working at Barrhill wood in Kirkcudbright.

Christy Miles – Way of the wilds, 20 years experience and a degree in Outdoor Learning. Based in the Machars. Worked with Branching Out as Expert.

Lusi Alderslowe – permaculture educator – design courses online and in person all over the place, propagate, lots of hats. Branching Out, Training of teachers

Tom Henry – Countryside Ranger on the Southern Upland Way, supposed to do education with schools etc but has been diverted to interpretation panels. Education strategy coming up developing locations along the way with toilets sessions plans, toilets, parking etc to make it easy for the schools and groups to use them.

Amy Murray – Forest School Leader and NEST nurturing and futires CIC, Branching Out team and delivery schools.

Elizabeth Tindal – Beach School Leader, Biosphere Dark Sky Ranger, Branching Out Leader DGOWL schools work etc.

**Apologies:**

Simon, Kirsty, Faith, Jess and John, Emma

**Minutes from the last AGM:**

Were accepted

**Chair report along with a report from Emma about Branching Out.**

Discussion of the various elements including our work with schools and Branching Out.

**Treasures report** – looked at

**Coms** – leaflets for Branching Out needed, Emma working on Facebook

**Election of committee members**

Kirsty tried to stand down as Treasurer last year is there anyone who would like to do that?

Elections at the meeting included:

Christy, treasurer

Elizabeth and Lusi co chairs

Simon - Secretary.

Amy – coms

Kirsty would still be a director for now and assist with the change over of treasurer.

**Dates of meetings**

This is something that we need to be better organised at.

8th of every second month

Discussion about meetings included

* Focus on promoting skills shares to bring people in
* Programme for the year needed
* Online meeting online skills share every other month
* Programme develop the meetings in person into a programme in the next month
* Zoom chat catch up networking and a lecture etc. to be worked in if possible.
* Use Emma to help programme events, help from Amy, Lusi
* Several places were suggested for meetings including
  + a joint venue and skills share from Elizabeth and Christy at Garlieston potentially for a summer beach get together.
  + Southern Upland Way Tom Henry
  + 8th of June is, as always World Oceans Day
* **Suggested event**
  + Christy asked if it would be possible to organise an event held in the spring which showcased organisations and businesses, shared skills etc. This was greeted favourably and Christy and Lusi were happy to look into this.

**Training opportunity - Outdoor Food and Hygiene course**

15 places

There were places for the 6 Branching Out leaders and spaces would be reserved for Cristy and Hollie.