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Hello & Welcome . . .

Welcome to the first FoRF newsletter of 2013. It's been a while since we provided a campaign update because there has been very little real news to share with you.

This newsletter therefore provides a brief update on what has been happening since the start of this year and looks ahead to the first FoRF Annual General Meeting which takes place on Thursday 16th May 2013 in the Verwood Memorial Hall between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Campaign Update

Our second Soundness submission regarding Hampshire's Draft Minerals & Waste Plan was well received. The Planning Inspector asked a number of related questions when we represented FoRF at the Public Hearing (aka Examination in Public) which resumed on 13th/14th March 2013. We were grateful to be supported by the Verwood residents who also attended – Thank You!

At the Hearing it became apparent from the evidence presented by ourselves and other participants, including Dorset County Council & East Dorset District Council, that serious concerns remain about the Soundness of Hampshire's Plan.

It's impossible, however, to read what the likely outcome of the Public Hearing process might be and so we are waiting patiently for the Planning Inspector's report which is due to be published towards the end of May 2013.

In the meantime there is very little more that can be done by members of the public to influence the outcome. So it is very much a waiting game just at the moment.

Annual General Meeting

All FoRF supporters are invited to participate in our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place on Thursday, 16th May 2013 in the Verwood Memorial

Hall.

This will be your opportunity to review what the No2PurpleHaze Campaign Team has been doing on your behalf and to also carry out important tasks such as choosing your Officers & Committee Members to serve until the next AGM.

We cannot know what challenges will emerge once the PI's report is published. Purple Haze could be excluded from Hampshire's Plan in which case a major local celebration would naturally follow. If, however, Purple Haze remains as an allocated site then there will be work to do ahead of the submission of any Planning Application – and for that a strong team of willing & enthusiastic volunteers will be needed to share both ideas and the workload. So please do consider getting actively involved in the Campaign – more details follow below.

It's also worth mentioning here why, as set out below, we have yet to publish the accounts and other reports for your consideration at the AGM.

The core Campaign Team is a very small group of unpaid volunteers who for the 21 months or so prior to December last year had been working virtually full-time on the campaign. While your unstinting support has been motivating and fully appreciated, working on the campaign had been energy draining and often at the expense of managing our home lives. None of us is a professional campaigner and so we had to go through a massive learning experience which has taken considerable time and effort.

We therefore took a break earlier this year to get our personal lives back in order and are now catching up with the campaign paperwork. We hope you will therefore understand why AGM material is unlikely to be ready for you to review until a few days before the meeting takes place. We are doing our very best.

The proposed AGM Agenda and guidance notes follow below . . . please contact us at info@forf.org.uk with your AGM related feedback, ideas, comments, questions or responses.

If you will be attending the AGM please let us know at info@forf.org.uk how many there will be in your party so we may plan accordingly. Thank you all.



Friends of Ringwood Forest

Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, 16th May 2013

Venue: Verwood Memorial Hall

Time: 7:00 pm to no later than 9:00 pm. Doors open for signing in at 6:30 pm

Please Note: there will be a door collection to boost campaign funds

Proposed Agenda

	Item	Lead	Action
1	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Sarah Sumner (Chair)	Information
2	Adopt FoRF Constitution: go to - http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/FoRFConstitution280512.pdf	Sarah/All	Decision
3	Adopt Chair Report to 31 March 2013	Sarah/All	Decision
4	Adopt Secretary's Report to 31 March 2013	Britt Poyntz (Sec)/All	Decision
5	Adopt Financial Report to 31 March 2013	Bruce Poyntz (Treas)/All	Decision
6	Adopt Auditor's Report to 31 March 2013	Bruce/All	Decision
7	Appoint Officers to serve until next AGM	Sarah/All	Decision
8	Appoint Committee Members to serve until next AGM	Sarah/All	Decision
9	Appoint Auditor	Sarah/All	Decision
10	Agree external affiliations	Sarah/All	Decision
11	Campaign Next Steps Outline	Britt	Information
12	Any Other Business	Sarah/All	Discussion
13	Meeting Close by 9:00 pm	Sarah	

Guidance Notes and suggested actions for each item follow below – all responses/feedback will be welcomed at info@forf.org.uk



AGM Proposed Agenda - GUIDANCE NOTES

Item 2: Adopt FoRF Constitution

Any organisation needs to know what it is aiming to achieve and how it will operate. The FoRF Constitution (see <http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/FoRFConstitution280512.pdf>) has been drafted accordingly. AGM attendees will be invited to adopt the Draft Constitution to be the Rules we will all follow. The alternative is for the campaign to continue to be led loosely by keen volunteers as it has been for the past 2 years and for the rest of the AGM business to fall.

Adoption will be a simple majority of AGM attendees. The AGM vote will be by show of hands.

PLEASE NOTE: Amendments to the Draft Constitution to be discussed at the AGM MUST reach the Secretary by email at info@forf.org.uk BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM 8th May 2013. Amendments will not be accepted at the AGM or after the published deadline.

Item 3: Adopt Chair Report to 31 March 2013

A brief written report about the key things the Chair role has covered will be published before the AGM on the Campaign website. AGM attendees will be able to ask questions and then adopt the Report by a show of hands. FoRF supporters unable to attend the AGM can raise related questions beforehand by email at info@forf.org.uk.

Item 4: Adopt Secretary's Report to 31 March 2013

A brief written report about the key things the Secretary role has covered will be published before the AGM on the Campaign website. AGM attendees will be able to ask questions and then adopt the Report by a show of hands. FoRF supporters unable to attend the AGM can raise related questions beforehand by email at info@forf.org.uk.

Item 5: Adopt Financial Report to 31 March 2013

We have been working on the 2 years' accounts to 31st March 2013 and have yet to gather them into a good enough final state for a full audit prior to the AGM. This is simply because our 1st year of activity included some complicated transactions which were necessary to protect fully the requested anonymity of our very generous sponsors.

We will therefore publish an unaudited set of accounts on the campaign website prior to the AGM. AGM attendees will be able to ask questions and then adopt the Accounts by a show of hands **subject to an overriding qualification that a satisfactory audit report is required**. FoRF supporters unable to attend the AGM can raise related questions beforehand by email at info@forf.org.uk.

Item 6: Adopt Auditor's Report to 31 March 2013

It is extremely unlikely this Report will be published before the AGM. The Audit Report will therefore be made available via a subsequent FoRF Newsletter. If the Audit Report is less than satisfactory the Campaign Team/Committee would have to consider holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and agree any action for any significant issues arising.



Item 7: Appoint Officers to serve until next AGM

The FoRF Draft Constitution (<http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/FoRFConstitution280512.pdf>) sets out the number of Officers that FoRF should have. The following people have fulfilled the current roles to 31st March 2013 and those who are willing to serve until the next AGM are indicated.

Chair	Ray Wells (part), Britt Poyntz (part), Sarah Sumner - to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Vice-Chair	Sarah Sumner (part), Becky Jackson - to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Treasurer	Tony Kell (part), Bruce Poyntz – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Secretary	Sarah Sumner (part), Britt Poyntz – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM

The Chair is the external face of the campaign, leads meetings, posts on the campaign's facebook page, represents FoRF with official bodies and is custodian of the Constitution. The Chair has also taken lead responsibility for carrying out in depth research, developing official responses and attending Hearings. The Chair is a lead voice when developing campaign strategies & tactics.

The Vice-Chair stands in when required to manage meetings etc. on behalf of the Chair.

The Treasurer manages the campaign's financial records and associated bank account.

The Secretary maintains campaign membership records (just over 2,500) under data protection guidelines, manages all FoRF Committee paperwork including meeting agendas & minutes, handles web and email address management, looks after development and usage of the campaign brand, maintains website content, maintains the MailChimp (Newsletter) mailing list and exercises Campaign Facebook Admin rights. The Secretary also facilitates Press relationships and all external organisation relationships including those with local & public authorities. The Secretary manages the campaign mailbox as the primary contact point for incoming campaign related enquiries. The Secretary has particular responsibility for the content of all information and/or communications published on the campaign's behalf regardless of the chosen media and including any FoRF Newsletters & Press Releases. The Secretary is also a lead voice when developing campaign strategies & tactics.

Nominations for the above Officer Roles MUST reach the Secretary by email at info@forf.org.uk BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM 8th May 2013. Nominations must include evidence of the nominee's consent.

If insufficient nominations are received prior to the AGM, nominations will be taken at the meeting – **all such nominees MUST be present at the AGM to confirm their acceptance of the nomination.** If more nominations than required are received for any Officer role, election will be by AGM meeting attendees via a simple majority of a show of hands.

Item 8 Appoint Committee Members to serve until next AGM

The FoRF Draft Constitution (<http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/FoRFConstitution280512.pdf>) sets out the ideal number of Committee Members. The following people have been Committee members to 31st March 2013 and those who are willing to serve until the next AGM are indicated.

Jillian Heather – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
David Heather – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Phil Osborne – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Carol Trent – to date and willing to serve to the next AGM
Becky Jackson (part) and currently Vice-Chair
Bruce Poyntz (part) and currently Treasurer



Bill Bowden (part)
John Hunt (part)
John Jenkins (part)

Committee Members meet both formally and informally as required by the business to be discussed. Between meetings FoRF Committee business is usually managed via email.

Nominations for Committee Members MUST reach the Secretary by email at info@forf.org.uk BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM 8th May 2013. Nominations must include evidence of the nominee's consent.

If insufficient nominations are received prior to the AGM, nominations will be taken at the meeting – **all such nominees MUST be present at the AGM to confirm their acceptance of the nomination.** If more nominations than required are received either (i) if numbers are small and manageable, the AGM attendees will be invited to elect all nominees to serve as Committee Members or (ii) if numbers are great, then election will be by email ballot conducted in the 5 weeks immediately after the AGM.

Item 9 Appoint Auditor

We have a reliable auditor whose primary role is to check that there has been careful stewardship of supporters' generous donations and that campaign funds have been spent appropriately. The main task is to produce a report for the AGM.

If anyone else is interested in taking on the role please let us know by email at info@forf.org.uk **BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM 8th May 2013.** Depending on responses levels either a formal appointment or an election will take place at the AGM meeting.

Item 10 Agree external affiliations

We have not yet renewed any current external affiliations for 2013 as we believe FoRF supporters should discuss and agree at the AGM how their donations are spent. To help this process we will publish prior to the AGM a list of previous affiliations, the value (support) we received and the forecast cost to renew membership in 2013. After any discussion, a decision to renew membership of the listed organisations will be taken for each via a simple majority of a show of hands.

If after reviewing the list it is considered FoRF membership of other organisations should be considered, these can be presented at the AGM as additional choices. People proposing membership of other organisations at the AGM should be able to provide the annual cost (we have just over 2,500 FoRF supporters) and give a brief outline of the benefits the campaign would receive.

Item 11 Campaign Next Steps

A brief outline of the campaign's latest position and the likely Next Steps will be provided at the meeting. While questions will be welcomed, the intention will be to look ahead to what needs to happen next rather than to review the campaign's history and issues at any great length.

Item 12 Any Other Business

It would be a great aid to meeting planning if items for Any Other Business could be flagged to us at info@forf.org.uk prior to the meeting and, ideally, **BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM 8th May 2013.**

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM ☺