



BASLOW COMMUNITY ORCHARD GROUP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

14th April 2023

Dear Members and Friends of the Orchard

You are hereby invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Baslow Community Orchard Group to be held at **11.30am at the Orchard, Over Lane, Baslow on Saturday, 20th May 2023.**

The AGM will be preceded by a routine work party from 10am onwards carrying out maintenance on the orchard and the trees along Over Lane.

After the AGM, the main business of the meeting will be a:

Family Picnic

Come and Join us - Bring Friends Along

This Notice contains the resolutions to be voted on at the AGM together with explanatory notes on who is eligible to vote and how to appoint a proxy if you are unable to attend. The Company currently has four Directors at least one of which must resign each year (but who can be re-elected). Anyone wishing to stand for election should complete the attached nomination form and return it to me before the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 20th May.

Yours sincerely

David Dawson

Chairman

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20th May 2023

AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 12th May 2022 (See separate Attachment A).
2. To note the report of the workshop that followed the AGM on 12th May 2022 (See separate attachment B).
3. To receive the Chairman's report for the year ended 28th February 2023 (Attached at C).
4. To receive the unaudited Accounts and Financial report for the year ended 28th February 2023. (Budget summary attached at D. The full accounts will be available at the meeting).
5. To receive the resignation of Sheila Travis as Director of the Company and approve her re-election.
6. To approve any other nominations for Director of the Company.

Explanatory Notes

Notice of AGM

Notice of the AGM and a Proxy Form must be sent out to subscribing members at least 21 working days before the AGM (by email).

Voting

As a member, even if you are not able to come to the meeting, your vote is important. To be entitled to vote, a member must have paid a subscription, but if you do not wish to attend and vote on resolutions in person, you are entitled to vote by proxy.

Voting will be by a show of hands unless a poll is requested by at least two members present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote at the meeting.

Note to Agenda Item 3

At each AGM after the first, one-third of the Directors of the company are required to resign but can seek reappointment. Sheila Travis is seeking reappointment.

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Chairman's Report

The year since our last AGM has been eventful. A workshop following the AGM produced many ideas to improve the orchard and for Apple Day. As a result, and following consultation with local residents and the Parish Council, a picnic table has been installed and one of the paths has been widened. These are both suitable for use by people in wheelchairs, so should increase the use of the area for all. I am very grateful to the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund and to Susan Hobson for their help in funding this.

Once again, I am grateful to the small band of dedicated people who help to maintain the trees and the area generally. This year we had a bumper crop of apples and very little trouble with aphids. Special thanks to the new faces who have joined our committee, Phil Kirk, Andrew Webb and Angus Reynolds who have given new impetus to the group.

Last year also marked the 10th anniversary of the Orchard and we celebrated at Apple Day in October. We were very fortunate with glorious weather and were able to add some new attractions. Thank you to Doreen Gridley for her work in getting *Live and Local* to sponsor our stilt-walkers and to Angus Reynolds for running a new archery attraction. Especial thanks were also due to Her Grace, the Duchess of Devonshire who attended the event and awarded the competition prizes; a fitting end to the event as the Duke himself planted our first tree 10 years ago. The day was a tremendous success with an enormous attendance, testifying to the attraction of the site and the day. Thank you to everyone involved.

By the time of this AGM, St Anne's School PTA should have planted a new tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. It is good to see the involvement of a new generation in our activities.

We maintain a strong financial position, as will be outlined in the Treasurer's report, so we intend to maintain subscriptions at £10 for 2023/24.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all our members, village organisations, willing volunteers and other individuals who continue to support Apple Day and the orchard in general.

David Dawson

Chairman



PROJECTED BUDGET 2023-24

	£	£
Bank Balance @ 1st March 2023		2023
Projected Expenditure		
RHS/Insurance	75	
Company Return	13	
Fertilisers/compost	50	
Website Expenses	50	
Replacement tent cover	<u>60</u>	
		248
Projected Income		
Subscriptions: 20 @£10		200
Projected Bank Balance @ 28th February 2024		<u>1975</u>

The Directors have discussed these projections and agreed that membership subscription will remain at £10 pa for 2023/2024.

Notes:

This budget assumes that in-year activities such as Apple Day and any social activities are, at least, cost neutral. Any surplus will be added to reserves.



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NOTICE OF PROXY

Member's Name.....

Address.....

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I appoint..... (*insert name*) to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Baslow Community Orchard Group to be held on 20th May 2023.

Signed..... **Date**

Please note that the Chairman of the Company may be appointed as proxy if so desired.

In order to be valid, the notice of proxy must be received by the Company before the start of the AGM.



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NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR

We hereby nominate

(Name - block capitals)

Of

(Address - block capitals)

Tele Number:

Email:

To be elected as Director of Baslow Community Orchard Company in 2023.

Name of Proposer (Block Capitals):

Signature:

Name of seconder (Block Capitals)

Signature:

Date:

Confirmation of Nominee:

I..... accept the nomination for this position

Name (Block Capitals)

Signature

Date:

Notes: *The proposer, seconder and nominee must all be current members of the Community Orchard Group.*