

Sustainable Living Armidale Inc.

Minutes of the Inaugural AGM, held on Tuesday 7th July 2009 Kent House at 8.15pm (following Tuesday Forum)

Present: Kath Wray, Alan Cunningham, Don Myles, Ray South, Hani Soliman, Richard Belfield, Patsy Asch, Helen Webb, Gary Bennett, Jenny Bennett, Iain MacKay, Kathryn Bose, Wendy Smith, Jo Leoni, Joc Coventry, Colin Hearfield, Mahalath Halperin, Dorothy Robinson, Bar Finch, Graham Patterson (20 members) plus Albert Model.

Apologies: Bea Bleile, Graham MacKay, Sue McMichael, Kate Boyd, Michelle Owens, Nick McGrath.

Welcome

Jane Grows welcomed people on behalf of the Coordinating Committee.

Financial Report:

Ray South submitted a transaction statement, showing a balance at 30th June 2009 of \$3,789.38. He explained that the bulk of the funds were as a result of the successful Homegrown Garden Tour, organised by the subgroup, Armidale Local Food (ALF).

Jane reported that there are currently 38 financial members.

Election of Office Bearers

Convenor

Ray South was nominated by Patsy Asch, seconded Jo Leoni. No other nominations were made, and Ray was elected by acclaim.

Ray then took the chair.

Secretary

Bar Finch was nominated by Jane Grows, seconded Mahalath Halperin. No other nominations, and Bar was elected by acclaim.

Treasurer

Jane Grows was nominated by Bar Finch, seconded Patsy Asch. No other nominations, and Jane was elected by acclaim.

Delegates from each of the subgroups

The following delegates were recommended by the sub-groups present, and endorsed by the general meeting:

1. **Awareness** – Iain MacKay
2. **Energy** - Patsy Asch
3. **Food** – Jo Leoni

4. **Heart & Soul** – Helen Webb
5. **Transport** – Lindsay Fulloon

General Business

1. New sub-groups: Richard Belfield floated the idea of a new subgroup for rural/urban bridgebuilding; Helen Webb saw need for group about local business/economy, especially localisation aspects; Patsy Asch wants more people to be in group involved in monthly SLA stall. For all these, it was suggested that they each send out notice calling for interest.
2. SLEX 09: Joc Coventry, the SLA rep on the SLEX working group, opened up discussion on SLA participation in SLEX, and reported that SLA will have a 'sustainable backyard'

AGM Closed at approximately 8.45, and Tuesday Forum continued with Show and Tell.