

UGBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE SATURDAYS

AGM

**Held on Saturday 16th September 2017
in Ugborough Village Hall**

Present:

Committee - Sarah Scanlon (Chair), James Scanlon (Treasurer), Vici Hemming (Volunteer Co-ordinator), Val Holman (Secretary)

Others present:

Lesley Goldsmith, Mike Holman, Jenny Weaving, Chris Weaving, Jennie Bolton, Michael Bolton, Clive Hart, Juliet Collis, Angela Hickman, Jane Jenner, Sue Williams, Sue Stewart, Kay Hart, Phil Hart, Kate Brampton

Sarah (Chair) opened the meeting by thanking those present for attending, and gave the following report:

It is my pleasure to present the chair's report for the last 12 months for Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays. It has now been 4 years since we started the fortnightly gatherings at the village hall where producers, purchasers and parishioners can come together to benefit socially, economically and emotionally. People from all walks of life find what they are seeking ranging from buying gifts, stocking up on supplies, meeting friends and chatting over a drink, finding bargains on the Bring and Buy table even house clearing for the Bring and Buy table, and this has raised a substantial amount for local charities. This year we have raised money for a cancer ward at Derriford Hospital and improvements to the village Hall and will be contributing towards the Shoe Box appeal (last year there were 32) and funding the village Senior's Christmas meal as in previous years.

USS would not run without the support of our producers and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had a stall whether on the odd occasion or on a regular basis. There would be no USS without you. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who give up their time to ensure the smooth running of the market. The wonderful unsung heroes in the Kitchen who turn out cup after cup of wonderful coffee and are always the last to leave on a Saturday morning making sure that the hall has been left spotless. The people on the rota that come in as early as 8.30 and set out the tables for the producers and then return at the end to help put everything away. The ever-increasing number of parishioners that help tidy up at the end quietly going about their tasks and helping us have a fast and efficient close down.

And lastly thanks to our excellent committee members Val, James, Vici and Ashley who have ensured that USS continues to be a success in the village. Speaking of roles in the committee, we unfortunately lost Ashley during the year due to family commitments and later we will outline the job specifications for each of the positions coming up for renewal.

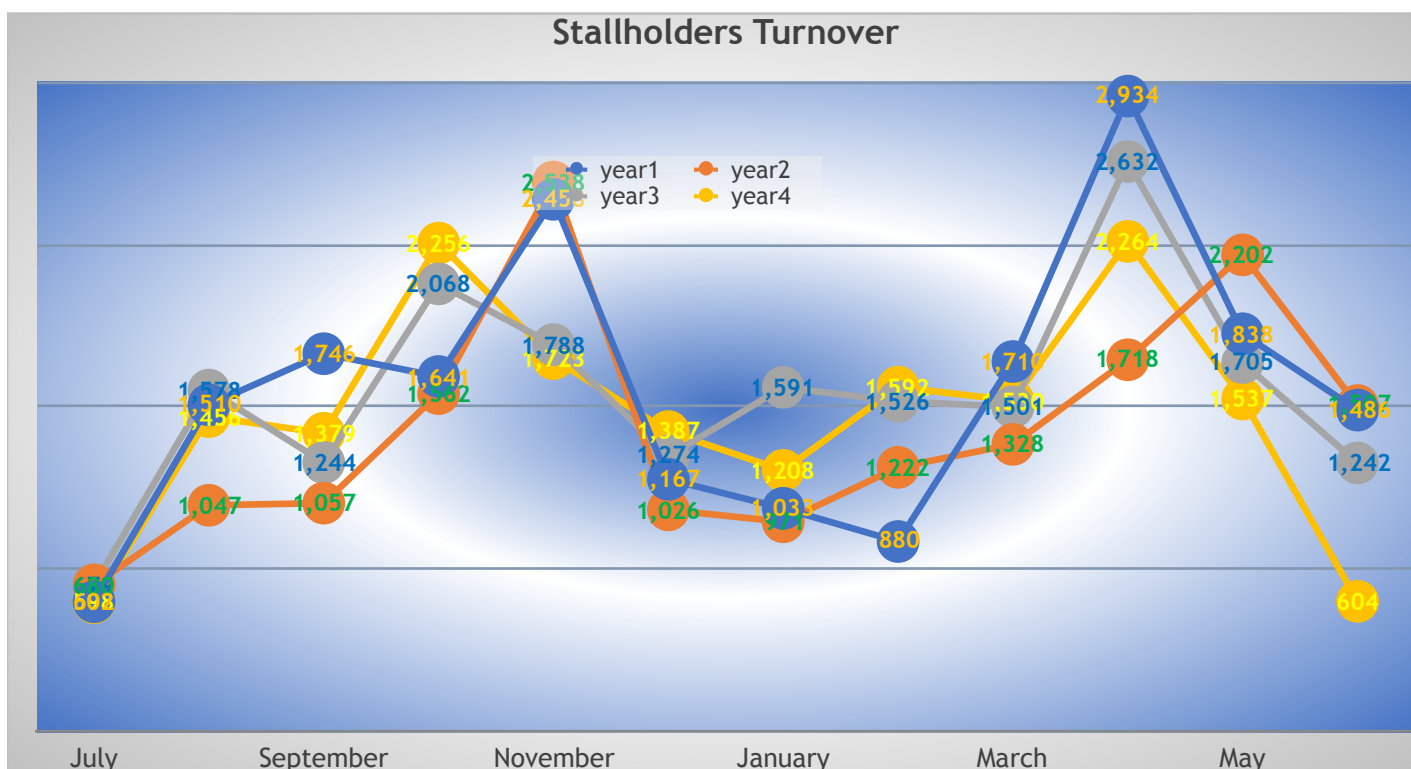
I have purposely made this report brief and to the point as you do not want to sit and listen to what you already see every 2 weeks. USS belongs to all of us and long may it continue to run with the help and support of all that enjoy coming. Thank you.

James (Treasurer) gave the following report:

This last year of USS has been as successful as previous years and financially the funds remain about where they were this time last year. Our cash resources are as follows..... As of 10th Sep 2017 Bank balance, £1,929.63; Cash in hand, £97.30; Café float, £100.00; Total monies, £2126.93.

Our bring and buy table donations are used on a 3 monthly basis for local charities and this year we donated to the village newsletter and a cancer charity. Kate Brampton ran a Shoebox appeal and donated the B&B funds collected from 3 markets for that. Nominations for local charities are welcome from anyone wishing to do so. Should anyone care to examine the accounts a copy is available here at the AGM or from myself in either paper or electronic form.

Dates	Stallholders Turnover					
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17		
July	£602.00	£680.00	£679.00	£598.00		£2,559.00
August	£1,510.00	£1,047.00	£1,578.00	£1,456.00		£5,591.00
September	£1,746.00	£1,057.00	£1,244.00	£1,379.00		£5,426.00
October	£1,641.00	£1,562.00	£2,068.00	£2,256.00		£7,527.00
November	£2,458.00	£2,538.00	£1,788.00	£1,723.00		£8,507.00
December	£1,167.00	£1,026.00	£1,274.00	£1,387.00		£4,854.00
January	£1,033.00	£971.00	£1,591.00	£1,208.00		£4,803.00
February	£880.00	£1,222.00	£1,526.00	£1,592.00		£5,220.00
March	£1,710.00	£1,328.00	£1,501.00	£1,530.00		£6,069.00
April	£2,934.00	£1,718.00	£2,632.00	£2,264.00		£9,548.00
May	£1,838.00	£2,202.00	£1,705.00	£1,537.00		£7,282.00
June	£1,486.00	£1,507.00	£1,242.00	£604.00		£4,839.00
Totals	£19,005.00	£16,858.00	£18,828.00	£17,534.00		£72,225.00



Election of the Committee:

There were no offers from anyone to replace the current committee and therefore they were re-elected as follows:

Chair - Sarah; proposed by Vici Hemming, seconded by Juliet Collis
Treasurer - James; proposed by Angela Hickman, seconded by Jenny Weaving
Secretary - Val; proposed by Sarah Scanlon, seconded by Michael Bolton
Volunteers Co-ordinator - Vici; proposed by Kate Brampton, seconded by Clive Hart
Digital Media - vacant

Open Forum:

1. Chris Weaving suggested marketing via Facebook could be undertaken by a young person interested in IT. Advertise position in the newsletter? Philomena has mentioned she would promote via Facebook.
2. Angela Hickman said she would undertake to promote USS on Instagram and Twitter. She will be given the password to do this
3. Mike Holman said Sarah's reports in the Newsletter are good and hopes they will continue
4. Jenny Weaving said congratulations were due to all involved with USS. It is excellent!
5. Mike Holman conveyed the message from the older ladies from the village who love to come on Saturdays for coffee and a chat
6. Chris Weaving said it was a pleasure and very enjoyable coming to sell at USS
7. Sue Stewart enjoys the friendly atmosphere and good company
8. Sue Williams said that as a new seller she has been encouraged and welcomed into the market
9. Jenny Weaving asked if USS could have another pop up Supper - agreed we would do this in early 2018
10. Angela Hickman asked about dates leading up to Christmas being prime selling times and how would everyone be accommodated? Discussion ensued and the committee agreed they would stick by the decision taken last year to have 20 stalls maximum, bookable on a first come first served basis once the regular email is sent out. Space per stall could be limited and may be smaller than usual, but the email would stress this fact, and it would be up to sellers to maximise their selling space.
11. Chris Weaving said he would jot down some hints and tips for maximising selling space which could be uploaded to the website page
12. Angela Hickman wanted to be sure that sellers are also the producers of the products they sell, ie items cannot be purchased online and then sold on as their own work. All agreed that this is the ethos of Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays

The meeting closed at 12:45