

**LOVER COMMUNITY TRUST (LCT)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held in THE OLD SCHOOL**

Date | 4 March 2019 at 7.30pm

40 Members of the Trust were present. A full list of attendees will be held by LCT Secretary, Rachel Jones.

Chairperson's Report	<p>In summary: LCT Chairperson, Nick Gibbs welcomed the attendees to our 3rd and thanked everyone in the community for their support thus far. Most notable achievement of the current year was the success of the Valentine's Post which made approximately £22,000 profit. These funds, which the trust will continue to supplement with other fund raising events, would be used to further develop The Old School and Lover Green.</p> <p>The Chairperson's report can be found in full on the LCT website www.lover.org.uk.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>In summary: LCT Treasurer, Peter Harper reported the balance as at 31 Dec 2018 was approx £31,000. Of this sum, £7,000 was ring fenced to Lover Green after the merger of the Lover Green and LCT accounts at the end of 2018. Peter outlined that a small sinking fund was being accrued to cover essential upgrades of large items (eg boilers, lawn mower etc) and that whilst major renovations work is ongoing the Trustees had agreed that £10,000 would be held in reserve. Notwithstanding monies raised by the fundraising event of 2019, this would leave approx £16,000 for renovations. Peter also outlined that the hiring income if now meeting all of the building's routine running costs.</p> <p>The Treasurer's report can be found in full on the LCT website www.lover.org.uk.</p>
Membership Secretary's Report	<p>LCT Membership Secretary, Mar Copp reported that Lover Community Trust now has 154 members</p>
Lover Green Report	<p>Mar Copp read a report from Dave Charles (Chair of Lover Green Subcommittee). Dave thanked everyone for their ongoing support for the Green. He outlined that the newly formed Lover Green sub committee would meet 3 times a year. During 2018 several working parties had convened to clear the deep overgrown verge along the Besomer side of the Green and it is planned that this area will become a Community Orchard. Clearance work is also underway in the pond area to make that a more inviting space for visitors. It was noted that Lover Green's merger into LCT was already proving highly successful with numerous events now using both assets.</p> <p>The Lover Green sub committee report can be found in full on the LCT website www.lover.org.uk.</p>
Election of Trustees	<p>Three Trustees retired by rotation</p> <p>Nick Gibbs (Chair) Peter Harper (Treasurer) Mar Copp (Membership Secretary)</p> <p>Rachel Jones took over and acted as chair person. It was noted that no LCT Trust member had put themselves forward for election into any of the 3 posts vacated. Nick, Peter and Mar agreed to stand for re – election. Their re election was proposed by Graham Budworth and</p>

	<p>seconded by Alison Clarke. Their re election was supported by large a show of hands. With that,</p> <p>Nick Gibbs Peter Harper Mar Copp</p> <p>were re elected as Trustees</p> <p>At a subsequent meeting of the Trustee committee, the following roles were agreed</p> <p>Nick Gibbs (Chair Person) Peter Harper (Treasurer) Mar Copp (Membership Secretary)</p>
AOB	<p>Peter Bishop thanked Nick Gibbs for his work as Chair.</p> <p>Alison Froude asked if LCT would continue to monitor the increasing amount of traffic (speed and parking) that the events and daily activities in and around The Old School and Lover Green was generating. Alison's concerned were noted and the issue would be discussed in future Trustee meeting.</p>
Conclusion of the meeting	The meeting was closed at 8.30pm
Date of Next Meeting	Trustees Meeting: Monday 1 April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School Building

Rachel Jones
Secretary
Lover Community Trust

Lover Green Report 2018

Good evening, a brief report from 2018.

While the Green is very much in the state of 'it ain't broken – don't fix it' things do grow and need attention and the work this year has been primarily keeping on top of things .

Thanks must go to Bill & Rachel Jones who put a lot into the day to day maintenance of the green and also Ali Clarke who sneaks in unnoticed and puts much TLC and effort onto the flower beds. Also Alison Charles who has spent some time exposing the boulders in the pond area and producing a walkway.

Phase one of the 'bug hotel' has started (no planning permission was needed) and the whole thing will be finished off soon with some logs . We also have a new magnificent bench arranged by Ron Marsh & the British Legion – it is well situated on the Green and a fitting reminder to those who gave so much for us all.

A working party which was spread over a weekday and weekend made huge inroads to the area backing onto Bessomer Drove – reducing the canopy and increasing light, along with clearing much of the wild vegetation. The long term objective here is to introduce a village/community orchard. This idea came out of the newly formed Lover Green Committee; who meet three times a year, if you have any views, comments or suggestions please make yourselves known to them. They are:

Dave Charles , Mar Copp, Ali Clarke, Tom & Roz Cunliffe, Dave Bennett, Jane Chaplin, Jill & Fred Stark , and of course Bill & Rachel Jones.

Objectives for 2019 are to complete the clearing of the Besommer side. To make a start on the orchard. Repair the pagoda – (thanks to Tom for his timber expertise and survey). We also plan to add some more shingle to the path to get rid of some 'wet' spots on the way to the pre school.

We hope you all agree the Green looks great – not too fussy or perfectly neat – with the odd rough area for wildlife and insects. It is a difficult balance between a perfectly manicured area and one that allows wildlife to flourish – often the wild areas are more difficult to maintain but that is one of the challenges.

The Green has been well used again in 2018 – MV school held their sports day on the green and used The Old School facilities. During the school holidays there have been sports camps run by BRS Academy. We had the 2018 Lover 5k, the Safari supper and of course the Lover Fayre. There have also been a number of birthday party bookings which have utilized both the hall and the green. We are very mindful of keeping a balance between it being available for all and not over using it, again any feedback appreciated.

In conclusion please look out for working party dates- they are good fun and not onerous – if you don't fancy it we do need tea making to keep us going!