**Voting by email - Friends of Shoreham Beach AGM 2021**

**Explanatory Note**

Dear Members of the Friends of Shoreham Beach Local Nature Reserve (LNR),

The FoSB Committee thanks you for your support during 2020. As we cannot hold a face-to-face public AGM meeting due to Covid restrictions, these documents come to you as a way of conducting the necessary AGM business without meeting one another. There are changes in the committee and also the Constitution that we would like to propose.

Mike Riddiford has resigned from the Committee. He remains a member and will continue his contribution helping with Beach Cleans, maintaining our signage and council contact regarding local By-laws. His input has been great and we thank him so much for the many ways he worked for the good of the LNR and are glad he is continuing.

John Young became our treasurer in January 2009. We thank him for the meticulous work he has done in this position and as membership secretary for the past 12 years. Barry Ward has volunteered to take on the role of treasurer and membership secretary. He is well known on the Beach especially as he is treasurer for the Church of the Good Shepherd on Shoreham Beach.

Management of the LNR relies heavily on the FoSB Committee and members. In many situations this falls mainly on Jacky Woolcock. After advertising and interviewing for a new Chair and a LNR Co-ordinator, the Committee proposes Jim Marshall as its new Chair. Jim lives locally on the Beach and brings with him a wealth of experience from his working experience within the water industry as well voluntary experiences with a range of charities.

Jacky will remain a key part of the Committee, moving into the LNR Co-ordinator role. The LNR co-ordinator role is a new role which liaises with the Adur and Worthing councils in the management of this fragile habitat.

We have needed to makes changes in our constitution to allow us to function more electronically. We have also changed our wording in Section 6 ‘Officers and Committee’ around accepting new people onto the Committee. So please contact any of the Committee if you would like to join us and have skills you can offer us.

We plan to host an online question and answer session for those who would like to ask questions before voting. This will be on Friday 5th March 2021. A link is provided in the e-mail.

Please return voting forms by Saturday 13th March 2021 (by email or post).

Please remain a member (we cannot function without your support!) by paying you subscriptions as per the attached form by cheque or cash to Barry Ward at 15 The Burrells, Shoreham by Sea BN43 5HF or by Bank transfer to our account.

Hoping we can soon be back working on the LNR,

Jacky Woolcock Chair FoSB