1st Emsworth Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Emsworth Community Garden

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2026 – 7.15pm

1. Introduction and welcome

The meeting opened with a welcome to all given by the Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

The meeting was attended by 5 members of the Executive Committee and over 50 members of the Council

Apologies were received from John Forster and Steve Duffy and Nigel Bloodworth

3. Governance topics

a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th July 2025 had been circulated to everyone prior to the meeting and posted on the web site and were approved as an accurate record.

b. The model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) were adopted by the Group for the coming year.

c. The Group's financial year was confirmed as 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026.

d. The number of members that are currently appointed to the Trustee Board was agreed as 7 with 1 vacancy.

e. The quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) was agreed as 150% more members than the number of executive members present.

f. The quorum for Trustee meeting was set at 4 at the 2025 AGM and remains the number for this year.

4. Review of the previous year

The Chairman – Richard Jarczyk- thanked everyone for attending and for the Cubs and Beavers and their leaders for providing the refreshments.

It had been a good year for scouting in Emsworth. Members were encouraged to view the group Facebook page to see more details of all the activities undertakien.

Richard Jarczyk gave the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board. He thanked the trustees for the work they had done over the year and encouraged everybody to read the report online.

Accounts

An overview of the accounts was given by the treasurer – Andy Grice. It had been a good year with the group recording a slight loss of £238 but Gift Aid has just been claimed and so the final balance will increase in the current year. It was reported that at the end of the financial year the Group had £16,206 in the bank.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Jarczyk and Seconded by Peter Britton. The meeting unanimously accepted them.

5. There are 2 vacancies for Trustees as 2 members have stepped down. The chairman thanked them for their hard work and support for the Group all . the remaining members were appointed for 3 years in 2024 and so will need to be re-elected or replaced next year
The Chairman proposed Emma Mansfield to be appointed to the Board of Trustees - seconded Hannah Smith.
No other members were proposed for the Board of Trustees

6. Appoint the Scrutineer

Hilary Walker was appointed as the account scrutineer.

Closing remarks
The meeting closed at 7.34pm

AWARDS

This was followed by presentations given to Squirrels; Beavers; Cubs Scouts and Explorers. They were presented by the previous Chairman – Ian Wright.

Squirrels Acorn Award

Luke Goddard, Oscar Sheehan, Shelby Holness, Alfie Wolfe

Beavers Bronze Award

Sylvester Bovey-Rodgers, William Bulmer, Jack White, John Dunstan, Josh Sheehan, Conrad Hoskins-Collier

Cubs Silver Award

Alfred Bulmer, William Hoy, Thomas Chalcraft, George Offord, Jude Michael, Harry Grice, Ethan Woods, Anouk Le Gris, Albi Gilmore, Stanley Laycock.

Scouts Gold Award

Jacob Kirwan, Edward Slade, Saul Fellerman