



Annual General Meeting

8 April 2025

Teleconference

Present:

Board: Caroline Hutton (Chair), John Le Corney, *David Drury*, Vicky Moller.

Staff: Gary Mitchell (CEO), Amber Alferoff (London manager), Jane Baker (mid-Wales), Sarah Collick, (N. Wales), Karen Davidson (Scotland), Aisha Diallo (Finance), Amy Hoidge-Hughes (Wales admin), Paul Jennings (Gwynedd), August Lewis (Carms SFP), Siobhan Mac Mahon (London), Steve Morris (Bwyd Sir Gar Food), Anne-Marie Pope (joint Wales manager), Meggie Rogers (Comms), Alison Sheffield (joint Wales manager), Lucie Taylor (CLAS), Katie Trent (CLAS), Lisa Williams (S. Wales),

Voting Members:

Mary Consett (Cultivate), Richard Edwards (Cultivate), Saskia Gretton (Sunnyside), James Upton Speed (Ideal for all), Geoff Stevens (Pathways Care Farm), Nicoe Titera (Oxford CF), Sally Watts (Camphill Village Trust),

Non-voting Members: Kathleen Campbell (Portaferry NI), Camilla China (Wild mind Wellbeing), Mike Eccles (Hay Resilience), Ian Egginton-Metters (SF&G volunteer), Elle Lomas (Combe House School Farm), Ruth Madder (Bridewell Gardens), Pauline Markovitz (Horfield Orchard), Les Moore (Nightingale CG), Anne Rowlands (Canolfan Maerdy), Sarah Tolley Edinburgh GSF

Welcome and introduction: Caroline welcomed everyone to the AGM and noted the improvement in the timing of the AGM, due to submission of accounts this year, apologies were given for the slight delay.

Minutes of the 22 October 2024 AGM: approved *by 10 votes*.

Matters arising none raised

Report of activities: Caroline introduced a presentation given by several staff on some activities of the organisation over the year. The report is available on the SF&G website.

Approval of the 2023/24 accounts: Approved *by 15 votes*. Any queries should be addressed to admin@farmgarden.org.uk.

Approval of the Auditors: It was proposed that the auditors for the current year are Collard Partners who have a specialist in charity work. Approved *by 13 votes*. Gary pointed out that our high turnover of £1.4m includes significant payments made directly to partners and members.

Election of Trustees: Five vacancies exist.

From the votes cast by members with voting rights, 6 people were nominated and it was agreed that all would be invited to attend. One would be appointed and five be elected to the board.

There are additional places available for the Trustees to appoint or co-opt.

Questions in the chat and from members: None

Next Annual General Meeting: January 2026