



Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



Annual General Meeting - 2025

Here's a short report on the 2025 Annual General Meeting - 11 February 2025

The Group's 2025 AGM took place at Cottenham on Tuesday 11 February 2025 - mainly it was in the same format and with the same items as in previous years. It was attended by thirteen members with five apologies for absence - in total they represented nearly half of the current membership (a markedly higher proportion than many previous AGMs).

The Minutes of the previous year's AGM and the Chairperson's Report had both been circulated in advance and were accepted. The accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024 likewise - a larger surplus than the previous year! The Membership/Finance Officer (and the Chairperson) drew attention to the need to raise the number of members and to raise yet more funds. Since two years ago the Group has been asking for expenses and a donation to Group funds when asked to conduct any sort of survey - this has been very successful to date and must continue. The Group agreed to let the Membership/Finance Officer open a bank account (with the Metro Bank) - the existing Building Society account had ceased to be 'fit-for-purpose' for current banking but it was agreed to keep some money with that society for emergencies (and to get a little interest). There was a brief discussion on the merits or otherwise of an annual membership fee instead of a joining fee - no change at present.

Reports (about badger sett surveying, the website, and our social media 'profile' came next - all accepted with some discussion about each, particularly about the need to get permission for taking photos at our events for use on the web or elsewhere.

Then the Group heard about known events in 2025 - over twenty in hand - mostly with precise dates and visible on the website. Some discussion followed about how to persuade more members to volunteer to lead events and help at events - see the updated 'Events' page on this website.

Elections of new Officers was next.

The then-current Chairperson was re-elected unanimously. The Minutes Secretary swapped roles with the Membership/Finance Officer - again accepted unanimously. The other Officer posts kept the same holders, for at least one more year.

The meeting was followed by a highly-illustrated talk about Fenland otters by a member of the Group.