

Charge My Street AGM

28 March 2023 7.30pm

Gregson Centre and on Zoom

Present:

Directors: Daniel Heery, Angela Wakefield, Will Maden (on Zoom), Stevan Agar,

members: John Hall, Dave Brookes, Ken Alderson, Anne Chapman, Robert Ashworth, Michael Gibson.

members online: John Cope, Wendy Lethbridge, Mark Gill, Clare Welford. Lorraine Smyth, David Ptak, Andrew Tatham, Lee Paterson, Ruth Haigh, Thomas Probert, Ian Smout, Joanne Sparke.

Non-members: Richard Grant

Staff: Adam Tutt, Anna Jordison, Ellie Dolmar, Tom Barker

Apologies: Alex Hulley

1. Welcome & Introductions

Directors and staff introduced themselves. Will Maden welcomed everyone.

2. Confirmation of the required quorum (10% of 125 member)

More than 13 people were present in person or online so the meeting was quorate.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report

Angela Wakefield, Tom Barker and Daniel Heery gave a presentation of the activities during the year - information which had been included in the annual report to members.

Tom Barker emphasized the work needed to keep the chargepoints on line and the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to all the chargepoint champions who go out and reset chargepoints when needed, especially Ken Alderson.

Questions:

How did we get the survey data?

From survey of people who use the Fuuse app. We received 70 responses.

Wendy Lethbridge: How can we ensure that people in Staveley, and those passing on the A591, know about the chargepoint in the Staveley mill yard?

Tom Barker will look into signs.

Wendy Lethbridge: Do we use renewable electricity at all the chargepoints:

All new connections use Octopus as the energy supplier. This supplies electricity from renewables. Some host sites have on-site renewables, others the host supply is a renewable tariff.

Ken Alderson: some locations of chargepoints on Zap map are not accurate.

Tom Barker – used to manually add each chargepoint to Zap map, now locations are uploaded automatically from Fuuse. Need to check whether these are accurate.

John Hall: how do we get more chargepoints in Lancashire, particularly Forest of Bowland area?

Tom Barker: we have just installed one in Coach and Horses in Bolton by Bowland. Agree we need more.

Michael Gibson (a director of Fuuse): thanks from Fuuse to Charge My Street – CMS have been an exceptional partner for Fuuse, who started out as a small software company and now employ 30 people in Lancaster.

4. Presentation of the Accounts

Steven Agar presented the accounts. Our turnover has doubled since previous year, partly because we have put up the cost per unit, but mainly because of increased number of chargepoints and increased useage. We have made a loss but balance sheet is healthy. Need to expand number of chargepoints to get to the point where we are making a trading surplus.

5. Presentation of proposed secondary rules

Anne Chapman explained these. Members request that statements be issued every year regardless of whether they are paid share interest.

6. Motion 1: to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 March 2022.

Proposed Steven Agar, Seconded Robert Ashworth

Online: 7 for 2 abstained

In person: 9 for 1 abstained.

7. Motion 2: to approve the payment of share interest to those members who have held their shares for at least three years at a rate of 2%.

Proposed Mark Gill, Seconded: Will Madden

Online: 8 for 1 abstained

In person: 10 for

8. Motion 3: to receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022.

Proposed Angela Wakefield, Seconded Michael Gibson

Online: 9 for

In person: 9 for 1 abstained.

9. Motion 4: to disapply the obligation of the co-operative to appoint auditors pursuant to Section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 so that an audit of the accounts of the Co-operative shall not take place for the Co-operative's year of account ending 30th September 2023.

Proposed John Hall, Seconded Roger Cope

Online: 9 for

In person: 9 for 1 abstained.

10. Motion 5: to adopt the secondary rules.

Proposer Dave Brookes, Seconder Anne Chapman

Online: 7 for 2 abstentions,

In person: 9 for 1 abstained.

11. The election of the Directors

One third of directors retire every year. Alex Hulley and Nicola Mortimer are retiring. They were thanked for their service.

Richard Grant has agreed to become a director. As he is not a member he will be co-opted by the existing directors.

Agreed to invite members to next in-person meeting.

12. Future plans:

Daniel Heery explained that a new share offer may be developed over the next 6 months to provide the capital needed to bid for Local Authority contracts which require private sector investment (e.g. LEVI funding) and to assess demand for chargepoints at particular sites by asking for site-specific pledges.

Questions from members:

Ken -how can we make chargepoint car parking more prominent – one in Carlisle keeps being used by ICE vehicles. Parking bay has a white symbol in, but not sufficiently prominent/visible.

Roger Cope – is there potential for chargepoints using the renewable energy generated from the solar PVs at the James Cropper site in Burnside.

Daniel will talk to contact at Burnside (Phil) about this.

13. The meeting closed at 9pm.