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Dear Members

Invitation to the CPRE Sussex Virtual AGM, Saturday, 26th September 2020

I hope you are keeping safe and well and are now able to see loved ones and return to a more normal life. It has certainly been an extraordinary time and very tough for many having to isolate for such a long period. Some local businesses are struggling but others have been able to step up and provide amazing support and service to their communities.

The beautiful Spring and recent Summer sunshine has brought much comfort with many people appreciating even more their countryside and green spaces and the benefits it brings to health and well-being. Our mission to promote, enhance and protect the Sussex countryside has never been more relevant as we continue to work together to build a stronger, more resilient Sussex.

AGM Arrangements in 2020: in the early days of the Coronavirus, we took the decision to postpone our AGM until the Autumn. Thank you to the members who responded to my call for comments on holding a virtual AGM. Some members were comfortable with this proposal and others expressed a preference for a physical gathering. We appreciate that it is far better to get together if possible but, given the unpredictability of this virus, the potential for further lockdowns and our priority to protect the health of our staff, volunteers and members, our Trustees have taken the decision to proceed with a virtual AGM.

I am, therefore, delighted to invite you to join us on **Saturday, 26th September at 10am**. We appreciate that this type of meeting is not for everyone so we encourage members to participate and **express their views before the AGM by:**

- (i) voting on the resolutions proposed using the enclosed voting form
- (ii) submitting questions in advance using the space on the enclosed registration form
- (iii) registering to attend the Virtual AGM using the enclosed registration form
- (iv) returning your forms to Lesley Wilson at the above address or requesting an electronic version of the form by emailing Lesley at Lesley.wilson@cpresussex
- (v) please note, you do not have to join the virtual meeting to vote or submit questions
- (vi) the **closing date** for registration, voting and submission of questions is **18th September 2020**
- (vii) to participate on the day, you will need a good internet connection and a browser such as Chrome, Safari or Edge.

To promote, enhance and protect a thriving countryside for everyone's benefit

President: Lord Egremont

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Please note, there will be no voting on the day but the results of members' votes and answers to questions received before the AGM will be shared during the meeting. They will also be posted on the website together with a recording of the meeting and anyone who cannot attend the virtual event will be able to watch the AGM at their convenience on You Tube.

Members registering to attend the virtual AGM will be sent guidance and instructions on how to participate in early September.

Please find enclosed our AGM pack as follows:

- Agenda
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Annual Report & Accounts for 2019
- Officer and Trustee Nominations
- Resolutions Voting Form
- Registration & Submit Your Questions form

Thank you for bearing with us during these difficult times and for your ongoing support. I am looking forward to being able to see you all in person at next year's AGM.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Osborn', written in a cursive style.

Prof Dan Osborn
Chair