**Draft Minutes of the 18th PLACE Annual General Meeting, held at 12 noon on Saturday 25th March 2023 at York St John University, York.**In the absence of the Chairman in-person, the Vice Chairman took the chair.

**1. Present in person:** Chris and Nicola Aiken, Margaret Atherden, Aileen Bloomer, Roger and Helen Button, Angela Clark, Clive Dawson, Jean Dixon, Sonia Donaghy, Benjamin Garlick, Ken Gill, Simon Green, Christine Hardaker, David Hawtin, Paul Jennings, Rosalind Maggs, George Malcolm, Richard Mallows, Philip Mander, Kay Murphy, Sue Pearson, Mike Sanders, Carole Sobkowiak, Colin Speakman (Chair), Fleur Speakman, Nancy Stedman, Gail and Paul Thornley, Eileen White, Elaine Wisdom, Rita Wood, Stan and Irene Young.  
**Present on zoom:** Keith Adkins and Jane Hanstock,Penelope Coates, Janet Cochrane, Richard Myerscough, George Sheeran.

**Apologies for absence:** Phil Back, John and Jean Broadbent, Norman and Liz Brown, Elizabeth Coombs, Janet Cooper, Anne Curtis, Ruth Davies, Jenny Denton, Win Derbyshire, Anthony and Margaret Hammersley, Val Hepworth, Michael Hopkinson, Susan Lee, Jill Magee, Denny Mallows, Martin Murphy, Malcolm and Dorothy Pope, Laura Potts, Margaret Scott, Vic Smith, Angela Swindell, Sylvia Voisk, Veronica Wallace, David Wharton-Street, Eileen Wishart.

**2. Minutes of the 17th meeting held in Huddersfield on 14th May 2022:** Agreed with the addition of Jean Dixon and David Hawtin to the list of those present.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**: None.

**4. Presentation of the Annual Report and accounts for 2022**: Margaret Atherden (Chief Executive) presented the Annual Report. She drew attention to the ongoing research work at May Moss, the availability of small research grants for research projects, the use of hybrid zoom/in-person meetings at indoor events, the success of outdoor events including the third Saturday walks, and the plans for three new publications in 2024. The specific objectives for the year had all been achieved except the members’ survey, which would be carried out in 2023.

Philip Mander (Treasurer) presented the Accounts. He drew attention to the healthy financial situation, with a small surplus at the year end. Membership remained stable, with the loss of some members balanced by new members signing up, many via the website.

**5. Adoption of the Annual Reports and Accounts for 2022:** Adopted unanimously, after clarification of the objective for 2023 to ‘maintain or increase membership’.

**6. Appointment of Accountant for 2023-24:** Sue Campagna was re-appointed for 2023 and the members expressedtheir thanks for all her hard work.

**7. Election of Trustees:**   
The following trustees retired by rotation and were re-elected unanimously:   
Philip Niall Mander (proposed by Denny Mallows, seconded by Richard Mallows)  
George Sheeran (proposed by Philip Mander, seconded by Angela Clark)

The following co-opted trustees stepped down and were re-elected unanimously:   
Angela Clark (proposed by Dorothy Pope, seconded by Peter Wheatcroft)  
Benjamin Garlick (proposed by Nancy Stedman, seconded by George Sheeran)

**8. Discussion:** One member commented that it was good to see some younger people joining the Board of Trustees**.**

**9. Any other business:** There was a suggestion that a future visit to the Thornborough Henges should be arranged, as the site had recently been transferred to English Heritage.

**10. Date and venue of next AGM:** It was noted that, as Easter would be in late March in 2024, the AGM would be in April. Members expressed a preference for a full day event in a venue accessible by public transport. Various suggested venues were noted.  
The meeting closed at 12.30pm.