

LEEDS COELIAC GROUP AGM
MONDAY 24.3.14
ST CHAD'S PARISH CENTRE

Present

Sandra McLean chaired the meeting. There were 49 group members present.

1. Apologies

No apologies for absence received.

2. Minutes of last AGM

There were no matters arising. Rachael Bateman proposed that they be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Sue Johnson.

3. Group Organiser's report

Kevin Stone gave the Group Organiser's report. He said it had been a year of transition for the Group. Previous 2013 Group Organiser, Jo Newbould, had moved to the USA and Kevin took up the role of Interim Group Organiser in October 2013.

The Group's database was now up to date and members were increasing: 828 members of Leeds Group, with 1,128 registering via Coeliac UK. Social media continues to grow with 139 Facebook and 939 Twitter followers, Kevin praised the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of committee member Vicki Gilbert for it's success. Rachael Bateman had successfully launched the Group's own website, www.leedscoeliacgroup.org.uk. Sandra McLean had organised many meals out and all were well attended. Kevin highlighted the Christmas meal at The Printworks with 52 attendees; COOK North food tasting; NHS Hospital Trusts liaison and a food tasting last November. During Awareness Week the Group had a stand at ASDA Morley, and a store tour with a dietician. It was agreed another store tour should happen in May 2014. The Group had an awareness stand at the Jewish NoshFest event, and the Leeds Gluten Free Food Fair in March this year had a record attendance of approximately 700 people. Kevin gave special thanks to Vicki Gilbert for organising the event and to Sarah, Rachael and the rest of the committee for making it such a success.

Kevin gave special thanks also to Anne Shaw was stepping down as Group Treasurer at the meeting, after many years volunteering for the Group.

4. Treasurer's Report

Anne Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. She said that the balance in the account as at 18th March 2014 was £2318.54. For the Food Fair outgoings were £868.09, income was £1035 plus sponsorship received was £210,

donations totalled £80 and the Sweet stall income was £41.70, totalling £1981.82.

5. Election of Officers

Anne Shaw confirmed she would be standing down as Treasurer. On behalf of group members, Kevin thanked her for everything, presented her with gift vouchers and flowers, and wished her well for the future. Pam Attack requested to stay on the committee but asked if anyone else would like to write the Group Newsletter. Sandra McLean asked for nominations for Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, or to see Kevin after the meeting. Gareth Gadd put himself forward as Newsletter Editor and Steve Scott for the Treasurer post.

The list of committee members names had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. Dorothy Hick proposed that the people listed should be committee members. This was seconded by Leila Conway.

6. Any other business

There being no other business, Kevin closed the meeting. Kevin thanked Anne Shaw again for her diligent work and presented her with flowers and a gift voucher.

7. Speaker

Kevin introduced the speaker, Helen Davies, Senior Specialist Gastroenterology Dietitian from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, who gave a dietetic update on new food labelling, health and the gluten free diet, and the LTHT diagnosis and follow-up pathway.