

Thank you all for attending today, can I start by thanking all those that have attended today and also to those members who have sent apologies. Thank you to the Griffin Pub for allowing us to use the restaurant for this meeting.

I would like to thank this opportunity for accepting my nomination to continue as Chairman, and to the other members of the committee who have also been nominated to serve. We have a reduced number in the committee this year which does mean we will be able to co-opt additional members onto the committee during the year in accordance with the constitution.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of the executive committee, who have decided not to continue serving for another year namely Phil Flash, Chris Bushe and especially Kath Richardson. Kath has been on the committee for several years and was our key liaison with the community during our campaign for the new stadium at Lionel Road. Kath also redesigned and maintained our website to a high standard and has kindly agreed to continue hosting it for us.

Although sometimes it may appear that we are silent, there is always a lot that is going on behind the scenes, this last year we have worked on things such as stewarding and ticket prices. When we were informed of the revised Lionel Road Stadium plans, we started to gauge the opinion of our member base and then jointly organised the stadium fans forum (in partnership with BU, Beesotted and the GPG). This has resulted in more consultation with the club on the next phase of the design and also has resulted in the club looking at designing in a larger safe standing section.

As affiliate members of the FSF we also engage in national campaigns contacting the club on issues like away ticket pricing and reciprocal pricing and we look forward to continuing our close partnership in the next year.

I hope that in the next year we strengthen our member base, be louder, be stronger but most of all be together.