

Resolution for National Trust Annual General Meeting 2022

Re-wilding of National Trust Land

‘Be it resolved that this AGM deplores re-wilding or re-wetting of National Trust farmland, or acquisition of farmland for that purpose, especially at this time of food insecurity, and calls on the Trust to re-dedicate its farmland to farming.’

Supporting Statement:

There have been too many reports of the Trust buying farmland and promptly re-wilding it, or separating a farmhouse from its land and ‘wilding’ the land. At the 2021 AGM a Trust officer boasted of a re-wetting project. Even then the United Kingdom was said to be importing around half our food. Yet food imported from abroad and processed here, such as tea, counts as ‘UK food’. When that is taken into account, the UK is only some 20-25% food secure. The Russo-Ukraine war on top of the pandemic shipping crisis must serve as a warning about food insecurity and drive us to grow and raise as much of our own food as we can. Re-wilding and re-wetting may be fashionable environmental fads, but they are surely irresponsible. The National Trust should again encourage farming on its farm land.

Signed as Proposer / Supporter:

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Participation in Gay Pride Events

‘Be it resolved that this AGM deplores participation by the National Trust in gay pride parades as divisive and an unaccountable waste of members’ subscriptions.’

Supporting Statement:

The National Trust took part in the Birmingham Gay Pride event in 2019. In a letter to the proposer, the Director General admitted no account was kept of the expenditure nor of any resulting subscription revenue. The participation was unaccountable, divisive and an exercise in virtue signalling. It was unbecoming in a body which should be dedicated to preserving the nation’s heritage for all and being a faithful steward of its members’ subscriptions.

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