number of planning applications involving individual properties.

The Society has continued to lobby to improve the appearance of the town regarding cleanliness, litter, state of pavements, public toilets and antisocial behaviour. Rights of Way are currently on our agenda, working closely with the national Walkers are Welcome initiative. Twice yearly meetings with the local police commander continue. During the pandemic, community issues such as the Foodbank and accommodation for the homeless are particular concerns.

Finally, may I thank on your behalf, particularly during this very difficult year and without naming anybody, all those members of the Society who play an active role in the work of the Society whether large or small, prominent or behind the

scenes, office holders or newsletter distributors.

Our Vice Chair and Winter Social Secretary, Beverly Hall, is stepping down from the Executive and will be missed, particularly for the refreshments at Wine and Wisdom meetings and for our Christmas Feasts. Jenny Olpin is in line to be the new Vice Chair. Patrick Sherratt, tireless and vigilant Chair of Planning for the last 10 years, is stepping down from the Planning Committee but, despite ill health is prepared to stay on the Executive. Graham Margery is in line to succeed him.

More help is always welcome. In particular, can I urge you once again to consider standing for our Executive Committee? Some of us are well past our use by date and there are vacancies!

AGM A reminder to all members

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday 26th April.

Resolutions for discussion and nominations for officers and committee members should be submitted in writing to

Hon Secretary: Jeremy Cope 53 Park Avenue, Dover. CT16 1HD Tel: 01304 211348 E-mail: jeremycope@willersley.plus.com

All resolutions and nominations must be received by Wednesday 7th April 2021

Nominations should be supported by a proposer and seconder and the written consent of the potential candidate.

As this is the first AGM since 2019 and the most important meeting of the year, all members are urged to attend by way of Zoom if possible.