

# **SOUTH LAKE SIMCOE NATURALISTS**

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The newly formed environmental group formed in Roches Point/Keswick area called the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance asked to present about their issue at the South Lake Simcoe Naturalists in November 2011. Jack Gibbons, the spokesperson for the group contacted myself and member Linda Wells, who volunteers for a Toronto based NGO and associated with the Save Lake Simcoe Coalition.

I suggested Mr. Gibbons present at the beginning of our January meeting as the subject of the main meeting was International Year of the Forest. So this would be a good local perspective to our pre-arranged meeting.

Mr. Gibbons presented for about 20 minutes and answered questions for a further 15 minutes. A number of guests and many members attended the meeting that had been locally advertised.

Naturalists Club member Hessel Pape asked if we could have a motion to support the group. It was agreed members would stay and discuss the presentation and issue, in the context of the main meeting subject. This took place, and 14 SLSN members who attended the meeting (including 4 executive members). The Motion was crafted, and reviewed after the meeting and confirmed. The motion is as below

## Motion:

The South Lake Simcoe Naturalists lend their moral support to the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance in their effort to save the wetlands and forests threatened by the proposed development.

Paul Harpley  
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