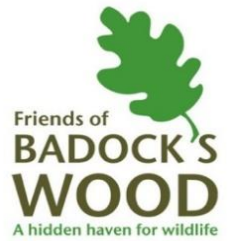


**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
of the Friends of Badock's Wood
held on Monday 25th April 2022 at 6.30 p.m.
via Zoom**



Attending: Linda Wilson, Frances Robertson, Jan Walker, Linda Wilson, Graham Mullan, Martin Firth, Roger Moses, Tony West, Alan Aburrow, Julian Dale, David, Diane Barlow, Alex Minshull, Liz Viggars, Sam Turner.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2021 AGM

Minutes of the AGM were taken as read and approved. Tony West proposed, Linda Wilson seconded.

2. Annual Report

Linda Wilson reported that Andy O'Neill is backlogged, but we are on his list for work (as of memo from three days prior to AGM meeting).

In the last twelve months, less had been done than we would have liked. As of AGM meeting date, the bridge at the triangle is not finished.

Grass management changes have been agreed. There will be hay cuts in the meadows, and potentially several cuts to the playing field – to keep that grass shorter for different species..

Mosaics clearing has been done by volunteers.

Graham Mullan gave a shoutout to Frank, who filled in the muddy bit by the Lake Road entrance, off his own bat. Thanks from the FoBW committee.

Roger's bird surveys took place every month except August. He reports 35 different species identified.

70 ancient woodlands were sought to be names as one of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy woods, and Badock's Wood has been put forward as one of them. It is expected that we will hear the results soon.

Alex Minshull led pond area conservation work, and also took water samples for a new method of eDNA sequencing by the Natural History Museum. He is awaiting the results.

The sculptures and benches plans are in progress.

The steps from the stream level to the meadows – an updated quote is awaited from Joe at ParkWork.

The signs have arrived, but the signposts were wrong. New posts have just arrived. This was funded by the COOP donation.

It is noted that Liz Viggars is the Trout in the Trym webmaster, and Roger Moses is our representative to the group.

A coppicing group work party took place. They coppiced a group of Hazel from the Holmwood copse at the end of the recreation field, and used slim branches from the cut to make a small fence on the

cowslip field in an attempt to stop people from walking across the growing flowers. It has been removed by unknown people, but it was effective for long enough to allow new growth.

Finance Report:

The only significant outlay this year was for the signposts using the Co-op grant money.

Crowd-funding via Gofundme is producing a small but steady income.

There is £4300 committed for various projects including benches and sculptures, and approximately £2000 uncommitted that can be used for other projects – such as Jubilee celebrations if we are successful.

Graham Mullan clarified the information on the Deposit account, and proposed that it be put back into the general finance report. Seconded by Tony West. Approved unanimously.

Other:

Tony West suggested that leaflets not be used for information, that posters and/or small cards be used instead, as they have a better result generally.

Tony West spoke of his nine years as Chair. He is now the organiser and sole person for the UBSS Botanical Gardens events, and is being spread too thin. He feels he cannot do justice to both. He thanks everyone for their hard work over the years. He said that keeping the place tidy makes people more likely to take care of the area themselves. All of our volunteers are greatly needed and greatly appreciated.

3. Election of officers:

Tony West is standing down as Chair. Unanimous thanks for his work over the years.

Roger Moses resigned as Treasurer, Linda Wilson proposed and received unanimous approval for kudos for his work during the year.

The following officers were duly elected.

- Chair – Linda Wilson; Frances Robertson nominated, Jan Walker seconded. Unanimous.
- Vice Chair – Tony West; Roger Moses nominated, Linda Wilson seconded. Unanimous.
- Treasurer – Jan Walker; Roger Moses nominated, Graham Mullan seconded. Unanimous.
- Secretary – Frances Robertson; Jan Walker nominated, Linda Wilson seconded. Unanimous.

Currently: Chair, Tony West; Vice-Chair, Linda Wilson; Secretary, Frances Robertson; Treasurer, Roger Moses.

4. Confirmation of Co-optees (current post holder all standing for same roles)

Roger Moses asked if Bird Group could be renamed Wildlife Group. Suggestion passed unanimously.

Management Plan Co-ordinator – (Linda Wilson)

Webmaster – (Graham Mullan)

Litter Pick Leader – (Sarah Hudson)

Wildlife Group Leader – (Roger Moses)

Minutes Secretary – (Jan Walker)

FoBW Archivist – (Alan Aburrow)

Climate & Ecological Emergencies sub group leader – (Vacancy)

Work Party Leaders – work parties to be led by appropriate persons for each task

AGM Complete.

Ordinary meeting following AGM:

Frances Robertson reported on future plans.

It is hoped to run a bluebell management session in early May, to thin out non native bluebells and allow native ones to thrive.

There was also a suggestion that the warmer weather will make litter picking in the evening a nicer time.

Frances Robertson is leading walks during the Bristol WalkFest in May, and Roger Moses is leading bird counts monthly.

Frances is organising and helping lead Trout in the Trym walks the length of the Trym. It will be noted whether people will come to non-circular walks. So far, the Badock's Wood section of the walk is getting good sign-ups.

There may be trees planted for the Queen's Jubilee.

Committee is looking around the wood for a suitable dead / fallen tree for Andy O'Neill to use to make a bench for the Jubilee.

Roger Moses reports that there is now an art gallery at the Trym, on the other side of the wildlife park. The art gallery was hosting a talk by Miranda Krestovnikoff, zoologist, television presenter and President of the RSPB on the 8th of May.

Linda Wilson thanked Alex Minshull for stepping in as the Chair tonight, due to her computer issues.

End of ordinary meeting.