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## **Notes of Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood held on Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at The Greenway Centre, Southmead, Bristol**

### **Badock's Wood Archaeological Survey**

The meeting began with a presentation from Nicola Strange, Archaeology Masters Student at Exeter University, of her report of her Archaeological Survey of the wooded area of Badock's Wood. Her full report can be found on the FOBW website:

[http://www.fobw.org.uk/resources/Badocks\\_Wood\\_Archaeological\\_Survey\\_%202017.pdf](http://www.fobw.org.uk/resources/Badocks_Wood_Archaeological_Survey_%202017.pdf)

Her summary: *"Archival and botanic evidence suggests that parts of Badock's Wood are ancient woodland, with a long history of human activity. This survey aimed to record features indicating human relations with the woodland. The survey was performed in January 2017 and covered most of the woodland interior and boundaries, through regular transects. Wood banks were recorded, suggesting medieval coppicing, while veteran stools indicate the continued harvesting of wood into the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Quarrying has impacted upon the woodland landscape, as has the use of the wood as a nineteenth century pleasure ground. This survey has highlighted features reflecting centuries of human relations with the woodland. Future management should aim to protect these features."*

This talk was followed by a brief talk by Linda Wilson about the Southmead Round Barrow – the Bronze Age burial mound in Badock's Wood and the University of Bristol's "dig" in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Linda brought and circulated showing the archaeological "finds" from inside the Bronze Age Burial Mound which are held by the University of Bristol

### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **1. Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM**

Minutes of the AGM were taken as read and approved.

#### **2. Chair's Report**

Previously circulated and summarised for the meeting by the Chair.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer outlined the amounts of the monies held that are committed. It was noted that the savings account attracts little interest. It was reported that a generous donation of £1000 had been received from one of our members who regularly walks in the wood. It was agreed that this should be used for something special.

**Resolution to approve the accounts.**

**Proposer: Alex Minshull**

**Seconder: Graham Mullan**

**The accounts were approved.**

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Secretary asked if people were happy with the level of mailings they were receiving and this was agreed. Copies of an events list for 2017 was circulated. Volunteers are needed to help publicise the events by putting up posters. Anyone able to do this to contact the Secretary.

#### **5. Management Plan Co-ordinator's Report**

Linda explained that she and the Secretary are undertaking the revision and update of the Management Plan. In large part this was to be much the same as previously but with a clearer format and indexing. It would then be discussed with the Council.

## **6. Any other reports**

### **6a Litter picking**

Mike Townsend organises monthly litter picking in the wood and his report had been circulated. £100 Bristol pounds had been received from CPRE from their Bristol Green Capital project grant funding for Community Litter Wardens along with litter pickers and viz jackets.

April 2017 Mike would lead a stream clean up.

### **6b Bird monitoring**

Mike summarised his report.

### **6c Riverfly monitoring**

Mike Townsend and Sian Parry had been undertaking this monitoring.

## **7. Approval of Amended Constitution**

Resolution to approve amended Constitution.

Proposer: Linda Wilson

Seconder: Mike Townsend

Constitution approved.

## **8. Election of officers:**

**The following officers were duly elected:**

- Chair: Tony West
- Vice Chair : Linda Wilson
- Treasurer: Geoff Perrett
- Secretary: Frances Robertson

## **9. Confirmation of Co-optees**

**The following were confirmed as cooptees.**

- Management Plan Co-ordinator – Linda Wilson
- Webmaster – Graham Mullan
- Litter Pick Leader – Mike Townsend
- Bird Group Leader – Mike Townsend
- Minutes Secretary - Vacant
- Work Party Leader – Vacant
- Archivist – Alan Aburrow