

**Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting
of the Friends of Badock's Wood
held on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 p.m.
The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY**

Present: Tony West (Chair), Alan Aburrow (Vice Chair), Geoff Perrett (Treasurer), Frances Robertson (Secretary), Linda Wilson (Management Plan Co-ordinator), Graham Mullan (Website co-ordinator), Mark Leach (Bristol City Council), Tim Bushell, Martin Firth, Pauline Michell, Sian Parry, Tony Smith, Jo West, Mr B Wright

Apologies: Keith Budd, Geoff Gollop, Alex Kittow, Hilary Long, David Parke, Nicola Ramsden

The meeting began with a talk from Mark Leach, from Bristol City Council, about Bristol, European Green Capital 2015. A copy of his presentation is available from FOBW Secretary if you would like it.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM

Approved

2. Chair's Report

Chair emphasised the issues being raised at Bristol Parks Forum of which FOBW is a member. Meeting noted concerns regarding the BCC Parks Department cuts and the impact these are likely to have on management and safety of Badock's Wood. It was noted that we cannot allow the woods to "slide back". Tony to write to Council – Sian to let Tony have details.

Chair also noted that Alan Aburrow, Vice Chair, had been presented with Lord Mayor's medal for services to the community and FOBW congratulated Alan on this.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented accounts and noted that savings had netted £0.48p interest. Working balance of approximately £1000. Agreed to keep £1000 in savings account and maintain a working balance of £300 – but needed to bear in mind no income other than small donations and sales of greetings cards unless further grant applications were successful.

It was noted that Lloyds were moving the FOBW account to electronic banking.

Moved to accept Treasurer's report. Moved by Frances Robertson, Seconded by Graham Mullan – approved.

4. Secretary's Report

Secretary gave an oral report reminding people of the successful events from the previous year. She also reported that Justin Smith had died suddenly in early March and Tony and Jo West and Frances Robertson had attended his funeral on behalf of FOBW. A trust to train people in Conservation has been set up with donations from friends and colleagues and will be administered by Avon Wildlife Trust.

5. **Management Plan Coordinator's Report.**

Linda reported that she and Tony had met with Andy O'Neill – chain saw sculptor – to work up ideas for “hidden treasures” sculptures in the wood and more benches including one on the Lakewood Road – Triangle stretch requested by residents at Willow Bank sheltered housing. She also reported that two people had contacted FOBW wanting to run forest schools in Badock's Wood. She is liaising with them and had also referred them to the Council for a permit, which one had obtained. She had made it very clear that no one would be allowed to make fires in the wood – not even for forest schools – as it was difficult to stop other people from lighting fires if they see it being done.

6. **Election of officers:**

The following posts were elected

Chair(man) – Tony West. Nominated by Graham Mullan, seconded by Geoff Perrett.

Vice Chair(man) – Alan Aburrow. Nominated by Tony West, Seconded by Linda Wilson.

Treasurer – Geoff Perrett . Nominated by Frances Robertson. Seconded by Graham Mullan.

Secretary – Frances Robertson. Nominated by Toney West, seconded by Graham Mullan.

Co-opted posts

- Minutes Secretary – no volunteers – Frances to carry on doing this for time being.
- Management Plan Co-ordinator – Linda Wilson
- Webmaster – Graham Mullan

FOBW thanked Graham for all his efforts in restarting the website and he confirmed that both fobw.co.uk and fobw.org.uk are now registered in the name of Friends of Badock's Wood.