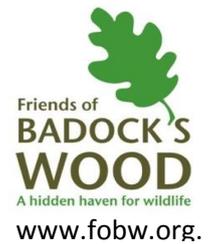


**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of the Friends of Badock's Wood
held on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 p.m.
The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY**



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

1. Community Input Management Plan update

Most things were covered in the main AGM report. Tony reported that he and another member – Eddie – are working on the pond and will call for volunteers when needed. Tony is also leading on bluebell management and he outlined a plan for tackling the spread of the hybrid / Spanish bluebells which would start with deadheading in the next few weeks.

2. Lottery Grants - Update from Frances Robertson

A draft Community Evaluation and Engagement Plan had been received from the consultant and would be considered by the Committee. It was not felt that it offered much insight.

As reported earlier, the final part of the lottery funding was being used to develop a QR trail for people to self guide themselves around the wood using a smartphone to access information about what they see, from the internet. This was still in draft but it was hoped to launch it at the Festival of Walking in May.

3. Other Events and Activities in the Wood

Upcoming events – Frances was leading the QR trail walk for the Festival of Walking on 18th May, Alan will be leading 2 walks for Festival of Archaeology in July – 17th at 19.00 and 23rd at 11.00 a.m.

Events relating to sculptures etc. would depend upon funding.

Other woodland management events on bluebells and pond management would be agreed and circulated.

4. Future Projects and Fundraising

The proposed sculptures and benches and making the Lake Road entrance more welcoming are the main projects proposed. Martin Firth has offered assistance with fundraising and Frances who has done the most recent bids, will liaise with him. Linda and Tony to write paragraph on the projects to incorporate into the bids.

Tim queried whether there might be things for children. Linda reported that we were not able to offer children's activities as there was no further funding, but we had had the Tree Dressing event in February. Generally it was noted that Badock's Wood Primary School uses the wood for a range of teaching and extra curricular activities – e.g. running club. Also the forest schools that are being held in the wood are for children but are run on a private basis. Martin noted that when he had taken a visitor into the wood the previous Saturday it had been full of children.

5. Approval of Notes of Previous Meeting held 3rd December 2013

Approved

6. Matters arising not already covered on the agenda

None

7. Proposed dates of future meetings in 2014:

June 24th, September 23rd, December 2nd

Agreed