

**Notes of a meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood  
held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at the Greenway Community Centre**

**Present:**

Alan Aburrow (part of meeting), Alex Minshull (Minutes), Jim O'Shaughnessy (Consultant), Sian Parry, Geoff Perrett (Treasurer), Shelia Quinn, Nicola Ramsden, Ivor Reece, Frances Robertson (Secretary), Brian Tommy, Jo West, Tony West (Chairman),

**Apologies:**

Steve Flew, Maureen Keen, Kelly Sheppard, Kerry Sinanan, Linda Wilson

**1. Events and Activities in the Wood**

**a) Badock's Woodland Party 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Frances and Jim reported back on the event. It was thought that about 1,000 people had attended.

The meeting discussed the event and gave the following feedback:

Good things

- Art Work in the trees from the children was good
- Desperate Men and their co-ordination managing of the timings
- Ambling band
- Good entertainment for the children
- Good behaviour from the crowd
- Afternoon programme
- Great weather!

Improvement suggestions

- A large map of the site
- Few people on Tony's walk – review the timing for future events

Thanks to the Badock's Wood Primary School for furniture etc

**Action: Frances to send thank you note**

**b) Grassland summer flower walk – due 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Will also include a grassland condition survey.

**Action: Linda to speak with BCC re Management Plan**

**2. Supporting Change – Big Lottery Grant**

Frances updated the group on the progress with this project – approximately half the £10,000 grant was spent on the event and there is planned work on training and community engagement which Jim is undertaking.

As a taster of the ideas he is thinking of....

- Jim suggested that there should be an annual event on the same day each year and will write up the event plan as a template and evaluation of the components. This could be organised by an “event” team from Friends.
- Jim also suggested that there are monthly walks and will evaluate the past events to assess benefits.
- Jim asked how to involve people who were inspired at the event but may not wish to come to meetings.
- Jim suggested that the Greenway Centre was a good resource and link with the wood and the Southmead community.

Tony suggested that we need to find out what members are interested in/ skills they can offer. For example the river modeller and the film makers.

Analysis/ evaluation to be done on the questionnaires.

Woodland Management and Leader Training – Frances reported that she had been in discussions with The Conservation Volunteers. Anticipated date – Mid September, or October. People interested so far – Jo, Tony, Alex and Linda.

**Action: Frances to agree dates amongst these 4 and Conservation Volunteers and then circulate to the wider mailing list.**

Frances reported that the Big Lottery has invited bids for £2,000 to be spent within 2 months of the application – which can be made up to the end of September. Frances has been discussing initial ideas with Jim to build on the community engagement plan and event. Idea at this stage is to work with school holiday activity providers. Nicola suggested working on the pond as part of that.

**Action: Frances to explore options with Jim and circulate proposal to core group for agreement and submit bid**

Tony referred to an email from a school teacher who is wanting to run Forest School in the woodland with the children of Greenway Woodland Church. Potential link with the project above. The teacher would need to get agreement with BCC.

**Action: Tony will meet with him and discuss his needs and offer.**

### **3. Community Input Management Plan Update**

Linda unable to attend this meeting. It was agreed to support her by a small subgroup who should meet with Linda and consider the Actions in the plan, to prioritise and identify what is for the council and what for the group etc and to meet before following up with the Council. Volunteers Nicola, Tony, Sian, Alan and Linda.

Several members including Tony and Nicola interested in improving the pond and to incorporate this into the management plan sub-group discussions.

**Action: Frances to send electronic copies of the main management plan, pond management plan, grassland management plan and Justin’s suggestions for fungi management to the subgroup.**

**Action: Nicola to contact Linda and arrange date**

#### 4. Minutes

The group approved the minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

#### 5. Matters' arising

BCC attendance at meetings was raised.

**Action: Frances to re-send Jerry Cole the dates and ask if "parks" items were put at the top of the agenda if they would attend.**

#### 6. Items for future meetings

September meeting:

- Community Engagement Plan and publicity
- Fundraising, to deliver above plus other requirements.
- Update on Big Lottery Grant

Standing item for future meetings – Report on Management Plan

**Action: Linda to report back the group at each meeting**

Sheila asked about publicity. Discussed ideas and agreed action. It was suggested that a poster about Badock's Wood with an option to pick up a leaflet from the desk in the Library might be possible. Also Alan to write event follow up articles for BS9, Henleaze Courier and The Mead.

**Action: Frances to look into poster and leaflets idea in the Library**

**Action: Alan to contact the Henleaze Courier, BS9, and The Mead with an article on the 9<sup>th</sup> June Event. Frances to send Alan pictures.**

#### 7. Any other business

- a) Frances highlighted the Southmead Festival on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and their offer of a stall. Frances will arrange a stall and asked for volunteers. They would ideally like someone to do a nature walk on the day too. Nicola may be able to lead a walk.

**Action: Frances to email for volunteers for the stall and the walk**

- b) Alan to attend the Bristol Parks Forum on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June and feedback to them on our recent event, and to feedback from the Parks Forum meeting at the next FOBW meeting or via email if urgent.

**Action: Alan to attend and feedback**

- c) Agreed that room hire for FOBW meetings will be met from funds in future rather than attendees.

- d) Alan reported that he had done a walk for Sea Mills Gardening Club who kindly provided a donation of £50. He had also given a talk for ex Severnside Rotary Club on Badock's Wood.

#### 8. Future Meetings

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept,      Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.