

**Minutes of the  
Friends of Badock's Wood Ordinary Meeting held at The Greenway Centre, Southmead  
on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Alan Aburrow (Vice Chairman), Christine Callanan, Maureen Keen, Hilary Long, Graham Mullan, Alex Minshull (Minutes), Jim O'Shaughnessy (Consultant), David Parke, Geoff Perrett (Treasurer), Frances Robertson (Secretary), Linda Wilson

**Apologies:**

Geoff Burns, Jane Cole, Sian Parry, Nicola Ramsden, Jeni Sandercott, Brian Tommy, Ivor Reese, Roy Rudge, Tony and Jo West

**1. Community Input Management Plan Update**

Linda Wilson has been co-opted as Management Plan Co-ordinator.

**2. Events and activities**

**Wildflower Walk April 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Nicola Ramsden led a walk in the wood that attracted some people new to the wood.

**3. Supporting Change**

Frances reminded the group of the funding from Big Lottery, which aimed to build on the success of the Northern Gateway by reaching out to the wider community. This includes volunteer days and training for volunteer leaders, guided walks, greetings cards and the Woodland Party event in May.

Linda Wilson offered to be trained as a volunteer leader, if the training could be arranged in the first half of September.

Frances introduced Jim O'Shaughnessy as the consultant who is leading on the woodland party and the community engagement plan. He noted the improvements he had seen in Badock's Wood over the years and that this event would celebrate that.

Jim tabled a draft programme and plan for the event. He noted that there were to be three centres of activity to bring people into the wood.

He asked the group for ideas and suggestions for local groups who could be part of the day. Hilary suggested involving the local watercolour group that meets at the Greenway Centre.

**Action:** Hilary to provide details of watercolour judge to Jim.

He explained that work is planned with children of Badock's Wood Primary School to create a play and costumes to hopefully bring them and their families to the event. He highlighted the range of artists involved.

He noted that his next action was to publicise the event.

**Action:** Frances and Jim to discuss press releases.  
Frances and Alan to be included in PR as media contact for interviews.

Hilary mentioned the BS9 publication.

**Action:** Hilary to provide contact details for BS9, and Linda Wilson for Courier.

Volunteers were requested to help before and on the day – putting up posters, delivering postcards door to door etc. Linda Wilson, Graham and Christine offered.

**Action:** Frances to provide details of the Lost Child volunteer to Jim for the Council.  
Hilary offered to provide details of Westbury Church Scout Group who may be able to help with Stewarding.

Jim explained that he planned to evaluate the event and develop a community engagement plan. Jim explained an idea for a board showing how the site in the past, the present and future – with photos and drawings – and asked members to provide them. Especially if they show people having fun to be used in the publicity material.

**Action:** All

Frances suggested that Geoff Burns may be able to take photos on the day.

**Action:** Frances to contact.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

The group approved the minutes.

#### **Matters arising.**

Linda Wilson reported that the Council has replaced the damaged Rowan trees, and added several more which were now flourishing. The group noted thanks to Gerry and Mark from Parks.

Alan to follow-up with Jerry the need for a survey of the streamside erosion. Linda to include this issue in the management plan discussions. Frances also noted that suggestions had been made for Lichen Management in the report from Justin Smith after the Lichen Walk.

**Action:** Frances and Linda Wilson to discuss updates to the management plan

Frances reported that the Avon Bat Group had kindly put up 10 new bat boxes and the group thanked them for their efforts.

Hilary identified the opportunity for grants from the two Neighbourhood Partnerships, and suggested that at the next meeting the group develops a proposal to take to the NPs.

Frances suggested that the September meeting be dedicated to funding discussions, and this was agreed.

**Action:** Frances and Tony to agenda.

#### **Any other business**

Jeni Sandercott asked that the issue of dog poo be raised at the meeting, as her perception was that there had been an increase. Others in the group did not think that there had been a general increase in this problem but would monitor it.

It was noted that there had been media coverage about the wildlife park re-opening, but no-one in the group had any definitive information.

#### **Next Meetings**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013