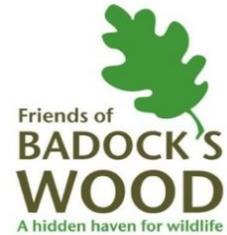


**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
of the Friends of Badock's Wood  
held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.  
Held online using Zoom**



**Present:** A list of those present and apologies is held by the Secretary.

**1. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM**

Minutes of the AGM were taken as read and approved.

**2. Annual Report**

Report had been available to members via the e-newsletter and the FOBW website. It was screenshared to the meeting.

Specifics discussed included that the pandemic has put most events on hold, including the riverbank project. There has been no word from the Council on when or how much they plan on doing. The possibility of naming paths has not received many suggestions.

Note was made that there is an active GoFundMe fund started for the Westbury Wildlife Park which was planning to reopen to the public but they had not been in touch with FOBW and we had no further details.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Report had been included in the Annual Report and was screenshared.

Secretary noted that there had been a donation of a sum of money that was subsequently used to purchase gloves for work party use because due to pandemic sharing of gloves was not permitted so gloves would need to be given to each volunteer to keep.

Chair asked for status of the clean-up posters. Secretary responded that funding was received for the leaflets. The original design was not popular with the group and it has been put on the back burner.

Resolution to approve the accounts. Proposer: Graham Mullan; Seconder: Linda Wilson.  
The accounts were approved.

**4. Election of officers:**

The following officers were duly elected:

- Chair – Tony West
- Vice Chair – Linda Wilson
- Treasurer – Martin Firth
- Secretary – Frances Robertson

**5. Confirmation of Co-optees**

All current co-optees were duly re-confirmed  
Management Plan Co-ordinator – Linda Wilson  
Webmaster – Graham Mullan  
Litter Pick Leader – Sarah Hudson  
Bird Group Leader – Roger Moses  
Minutes Secretary – Jan Walker

Work Party Leaders – work parties to be led by appropriate persons for each task  
Climate & Ecological Emergencies sub group leader remains vacant for the moment.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 Recognising and Responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergency

#### Resolution:

*That the Friends of Badock's Wood recognises that there is a Climate and Ecological Emergency. The Friends group welcomes the declaration by Bristol and the publication of the One City Climate Strategy and the One City Ecological Emergency Strategy. Friends of Badock's Wood resolves to take action through the group's activities to respond to these emergencies.*

Graham Mullan queried who is "Bristol", and Alex Minshull explained that it is the Bristol City Council and other organisations, including Avon Wildlife Trust and University of Bristol.

Approval of resolution proposed by Secretary, seconded by Chair, approved unanimously by attendees.

### 6.2 New and/or replacement carvings in the Wood

There was discussion of what other carvings could be done. A new green man and spider were suggested as replacements for the destroyed/fallen ones. Others thought instead that there should be something new. Vice-Chair explained that the sculptor Andy O'Neill said he couldn't duplicate the old ones at all, and that no green man would be the same as the old one. She suggested that the Group put out a question to members regarding what carvings would be good for the Wood. It was also suggested that the group should set up a crowd-funding account.

Secretary agreed that Andy O'Neill is a good candidate for working during this time, as he works alone. Vice Chair noted that benches for the triangle can be pre-fabricated and assembled on-site. Andy O'Neill has done this before. Vice-Chair asks to obtain an estimate on a bench in the triangle.

Secretary noted that there was a large donation in the past that could be used for either sculptures, benches, or both.

Suggestion was agreed by all.

**Action: Vice Chair to contact sculptor for estimate on sculptures / benches, Secretary to research crowd-funding. Secretary to request suggestions for carving in a future newsletter**

### 6.3 Parks Forum AGM

Secretary had attended the Parks Forum AGM and gave a run-down of their discussions.

### 6.4 Bird boxes

Roger Moses noted that 20 small bird and owl boxes had been purchased by the group and would need volunteers to put the boxes up. One suggestion was to ask our members who are also in the Avon Bat Group to see if they have any people trained in safety at height. Also, if they would trade their work for a donation to their group.

**Action: Secretary will talk to the council/Avon bat group regarding the possibility of appropriate contractors to do the work.**

### 6.5 Vote of thanks

Vice Chair proposed a special vote of thanks to the Friends of Badock's Wood Secretary, Frances Robertson, for her hard work in the last year.

The proposal was approved unanimously by all attendees.