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**Notes of Meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood
held on 1st December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY**

Present:

Tony West, Geoff Perrett, Frances Robertson, Siân Parry, Mike Townsend, Pauline Michell. Guest:
Hugh Holden

Apologies were noted from: Linda Wilson, Alan Aburrow, Graham Mullan, Christine Callanan, Alex Minshull

1. Hugh Holden: Badock's Wood Painting

Hugh brought along a painting of the Wood to show the Group (see photo at end of notes). He had bought it from Dawn Thomson a few years ago on an Arts Trail.

Hugh, as a member of Bristol Parks Forum Committee/Mina Road Park Group, also suggested that funding for Parks may be reduced in future with changes to the management structure. S106 monies may be available via Neighbourhood Partnerships so it might be worth being involved with them.

2. Community Impact Management Plan Update

a) Pond

Sian had agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss this with Joe, Sarah and Jerry but had asked a member of the sub-group to take this on. Tony had agreed to do this.

Action: Tony to arrange a meeting with Joe, Sarah and Jerry to discuss with the sub-group.

b) Steps

Frances reported that Skanska were fully committed to schools in 2015. Sian reported that Joe McKenna's post was to be set up as a social enterprise in April 2016 provided funding was forthcoming from BCC. The Group agreed this needed to happen before we could apply for lottery funding for Joe to take on any work.

Action: Frances to follow up with Joe.

c) Benches

The section of horse chestnut tree still needs to be moved.

Action: Linda to discuss with BCC and decide on timescale

d) Practical Work Parties

Siân reported that she had visited the Wood with Linda and identified various works that needed doing. She had also been in touch with Rosie Maple Avon Wildlife Trust to discuss whether they could get involved through their Wild City programme. Becky Belfin of BCC had been in touch regarding funding from the Forestry Commission for some targeted tree felling/coppicing and Sian was meeting Rosie/Becky the following week to discuss what could be done.

Publicity for work parties was discussed and it was agreed that a calendar drawing all activities together would be produced, posters put on noticeboards round the area and info on the website.

Action: Frances to produce a calendar; Sian to contact WoT/Henleaze Societies/ poster in Trymside open space noticeboard; Tony to do Lakewood Road noticeboard, Frances/Alex to continue posters for Wood; Graham to continue updating website. Sian to produce an updated work party programme.

e) Litterpicks

The conifer waste was discussed at Lake End entrance and the need to co-ordinate approaches to BCC-

Dog Walkers- dog bins are overflowing; the Group discussed what could be done about this, ie increased frequency re emptying bins, or more bins.

Action: Mike to contact Linda

Species Monitoring

Bird Boxes- installed- funded by Mike. The Group thanked Mike and Specialised Nest Boxes

Owl boxes- Sian to get in touch with Hawk and Owl Trust for advice/help

Riverfly Sampling- Mike and Sian had met with BART to do a baseline reading for the Trym and would start monitoring when they received the equipment from the EA.

Westbury Wildlife Park- Mike had set up regular visits and a small group was taking part.

First Aid Course- Mike and Sian had attended an emergency first aid course arranged by SGC so they could now lead work parties/litter picks

Grassland management- Sian to follow up on management with Becky Belfin.

3. Project Update

Frances gave an update regarding the Green Hidden Treasures project. Pauline asked about the background to it. The report for the first grant has gone into the Neighbourhood Partnership; she is writing up the Green Capital grant report.

Action: Frances to produce GC grant report

4. Other events and activities

Frances attended a meeting in Southmead with young people. A £200k legacy fund is available but it is not relevant to the Wood. Her contact was Kevin Sykes Southmead Youth Centre

Tree Dressing 13th December- Margaret doing the creative work for this and Frances organising and applying for Parks Permit; Nicola providing first aid cover.

LNR leaflet- Frances reported that this was being developed with Ruth Coleman BCC and some of the information about BW was incorrect. Frances and Alan were doing a walk round the route to feed back to Ruth.

Action: Future events list to be circulated by Frances

5. Finances/Fundraising

Geoff still needs a 2nd signatory for cheques.

Action: Sian agreed to do this; Geoff to sort out details

Sian suggested that as BW would wholly be in Southmead from April 2016 it was worth getting involved with Southmead NP to find out what funding might be available (as Hugh had suggested).

Action: Sian to chase this up, particularly if they have an Environment sub-group

Action: Committee to discuss fund-raising issues next time it meets

6. Notes approved from last meeting

Agreed

7. Matters Arising not already on the Agenda

None

8. Any Other Business

National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces campaign- Geoff to complete and circulate

Operational Management - Linda had reported dangerous paths to BCC as leaves hadn't been cleared by them-people have fallen and personal injury claims could be pursued. Mark was to carry out leaf blowing subsequently.

Wasp nest had been reported to BCC and they had sprayed it.

9. Meeting Dates

2016 dates to be agreed

