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**Notes of the Ordinary Meeting  
of the Friends of Badock's Wood  
held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30 p.m.  
The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY**

Those Present: Janice Walker, Mike Townsend, John Burton, Wega Burton, Christine Callanan, Martin Firth, Graham Mullan, Linda Wilson.

Apologies from: Frances Robertson, Tony West, Geoff Perrett, Alan Aburrow.

Linda Wilson took the chair.

**1. Community Input Management Plan update**

- Pond: We have 2 alternatives: firstly to keep it 'as is' but with the continuing problems of litter and lack of a reliable water supply and secondly to convert to a bog garden. Tony West will seek advice on this from Tony Smith and will present the alternatives for consideration.
- Steps: Bristol Park Works can take this on if grant funding can be found. Neighbourhood Partnership may part fund on accessibility grounds, also Wild City Project would be happy to be involved in the work along with FOBW volunteers if available.
- Benches: Much has been done. There is sufficient money left for one more. The Council need to move the piece of chestnut when weather permits. We may also be able to renovate some of the older benches.
- Practical work parties:
  - woodland: there has been much vandalism in the wood recently. This, allied to the increased fire risk from cut material in the drier weather means that there will be no woodland work at present. This will be reviewed in the Autumn. The Council endorse this approach.
  - litter picks: these have been very successful. There are about 15-20 names on the list and about 10-12 people turn out. Next is on 25<sup>th</sup> June. From the CPRE scheme we have received 5 bag hoops and 10 litter kits. The Council Enforcement team are involved in monitoring fly-tipping . There is also the possibility of using the Community Payback Team.

- species monitoring (birds, river flies): Birds are monitored monthly at 7.30 a.m. Kick sampling is carried out monthly. We are finding 2 of 8 target species regularly.
2. Events and Activities in the Wood: The following events have been planned
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Midsummer Wildflower Walk, led by Tony Smith.
  - 19<sup>th</sup> July – History Walk, led by Alan Aburrow.
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Moth trapping and identification, led by Ray Barnett.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> August – Tree Walk, led by Richard Bland.
- There will also be a poetry reading/story telling event in August, based on Mark Hamilton's new book *In Badock's Wood and other poems*. This is available from Amazon.
3. Finances / Fundraising: Geoff had sent late apologies for absence. Bids for funding will be made for leaflets and for step building.
4. Any Other Business:
- 1. We are in the last year of the 5 year Management Plan. A new one must be produced by next March. Constructive dialogue is being held with the Council who are very enthusiastic about our work.
  - 2. Martin suggested that the cage around the oak on the triangle needs re-pegging. He will take this forward.
  - 3. The benches need to be re-treated. Tony West is apparently already on the case.
  - 4. Mike reminded us of the two awards won recently. These were admired.
  - 5. Graffiti on the Doncaster Road notice board needs to be cleaned off.
  - 6. The grass around the mosaics needs dealing with. We are unhappy about using strong weedkillers in the wood so this need be done by hand.
5. Approval of Notes of Previous Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Proposed by Mike, seconded by Christine. Passed.
6. Matters arising not already covered on the agenda: None.
7. Next Meetings:
- Tuesday 13th September**
  - Tuesday 6th December
  - 7.30 p.m. at The Greenway Centre