

Notes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood held on Tuesday 17th March at 2015 7.30 p.m. The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY

1. Management Plan

Linda reported on progress of the Management Plan which was scheduled to end in 2017- a copy is available on the website. She felt that a simpler Plan would be more appropriate in future.

The Hidden Treasures Project was progressing well and the next activity would be the sculpting of the fallen chestnut bench. Badock's Wood school was very committed to this and keen to be involved, also the running club.

The Lake End entrance was also to be improved with a welcome structure in a sightline from the road. The Parks Works team will work with volunteers brought in to help with this. Tony said that the long-term plan was to improve planting with native scrub for birds. The fence and iron hoops at entrance were also going to be painted, and bluebells/snowdrops planted.

Query re notice at entrance– there is already one but probably hidden by foliage ! Tony reported that the fallen chestnut has had its roots tamped and a path created around it. School will have classes there and also on meadow. Forest school also using Wood on a Weds and guide dog training happening as Wood accessible to people with a visual impairment. (recognised by RNIB as a training area).

Chrissie queried whether a nature trail was available for Wood. Sian suggested Frances had produced a QR trail leaflet but wasn't sure whether it was on website.

Action: Tony to check the status of the leaflet with Frances.

Hilary suggested that FOBW could put in a bid to NP for other funding e.g. plants as other groups did this frequently.

Tony reported on the pond which will have a bog area added to the side and in addition, he will be planting new plants in the pond itself. Linda suggested Parks Works Team could help with this.

Other events- Linda reported on these and they are outlined in the leaflet on the website, see

http://fobw.org.uk/resources/Green_Capital-Badocks_Wood_Green_Hidden_Treasures_leaflet.pdf.

Chrissie suggested that a dog show could be arranged with a dog charity and would be popular with dog walkers. Linda said that this could be considered as part of the September event.

Action: Sian/Frances to discuss.

2. Matters Arising

1. Maps

Are there any maps of the whole Wood ? Not at the moment apart from the general leaflet. It was something the Group could consider for the future.

Action: Linda to ask Graham.

2. Birds

Mike asked whether there were regular surveys of birds in the Wood. Sian reported that data was held in the Management Plan, but she is also going to be doing a Breeding Birds survey and would welcome help with it.

Action: Sian to get in touch with Mike, Chrissie and Jo.

3. Wildlife Park

Hilary asked what was happening with this ? Tony explained the current situation and Linda said the property details, as far as she could recall showed that it was owned by a Charitable Trust.

4. Events for children

It was asked whether FOBW have any events specifically for children. The leaflet with FOBW events details was referred to. Forest School also do events in the Wood. It was suggested that the website & noticeboards could direct people to other organisations putting on such events.

Action: Committee to consider

5. Flytipping Clover Ground

Chrissie reported this where she lived. She was happy to collect it together if someone could help remove it.

Action: Linda to talk to Alan re Community payback.

6. NP3 Environmental Sub Gp

Hilary suggested that someone from FOBW could attend this to ensure it was in the loop re grants etc. Quarterly meetings were held.

Action: Committee to consider

3. Dates of Future Meetings in 2015

- 2nd June
- 15th September
- 1st December

all at the Greenway Centre at 7.30pm