

Holders Woods Conservation
AGM
July 2nd 2023, 2.00pm

1. **Present:** Helen Harvey (Chair), Fiona Tyson (Sec) Ian Harvey (Committee), George Fleming, Barry Woods, Kevin Doig, Andy McBride, Sophie Hatchwell, Mike Scott. Ioan Evans (observer)
2. **Apologies:** Eva Hyde, Peter Searle, Pete Tyson, Ann Snell, Jenny Daniels
3. **Minutes of last meeting July 3rd 2022** were ratified by the members attending the AGM.
4. **Membership**
 - a. Election / re-election of committee members: The current committee members are all willing to stand again. There have been no other nominations. Kevin Doig proposed the current committee to be re-elected. Andy McBride seconded.
 - b. Current member numbers. There are 23 members currently who have done 3 or more sessions, our criteria for full membership.
5. **Activity report for the past year** We have contributed 232 hours of work over 12 sessions. The smallest number of attendees was 14 and the largest group 16.
6. **Treasurer's report (FT for EH)**

At the end of May 2022, we had £597.16 in total, about half of which originally came from a lottery grant awarded in March 2021.

In October, thanks to an application written by Helen, we were awarded a second national lottery grant; this time for £2,2006. This was to fund a first aid training course, which was held on 1st April, and to purchase various tools with insurance. We have now bought all the items on the original list for the grant, as well as some additional tools, and have £598.33 left of this award. This is largely because Helen budgeted for 2 first aid sessions and, in the end, everyone managed to come to a single session. As the amount remaining is less than £1,000 we are allowed to keep this to continue the project.

We have continued to receive £10 per month from BOSF (Birmingham Open Spaces Forum) and have had £120 since last year, with an additional £40 in October for hosting a coffee morning in the woods; i.e £160 total. We have used £232.53 to purchase concrete, various wildflowers, litter pickers and a flask for coffee.

As of 12/06/2023, we have £1,122.96 credit.

7. **Insurance** We are currently covered by BOSF as we are members. Our insurance does not cover under 18s, working at height or with automated tools

8. **Constitution** Helen and Fiona have reviewed the Constitution and added 'aged 18 or over' to 5i and changed to 8iii from 'signature' to 'authorisation'. These changes were agreed by the members.
9. **Health and Safety policy review.** Helen and Fiona have reviewed the policy and added a reference to the presence of a first aider in 1 and also added additional comments about tool safety around public in 4
10. **Loan of Tools** Current list of tools circulated. If anyone wants to borrow tools please contact Ian.
11. **Plans for next year Include**

6.9.23 coffee morning in Holders Woods as part of BOSF activity

6.11.23 1pm by the containers. Lukas Large the curator of natural sciences at Birmingham museum will lead a Fungi walk. Other possible learning activities suggested were a flower walk like the one run by Highbury Park Friends; Fiona to get contact details. A bat walk; Helen to make some enquiries.

12.7.23 at 2.30 Helen is meeting a pond expert to consider how to improve the habitat of the Long Pond.

A forest school is to restart in the woods led by 'Bracken Outdoors'. Helen is to meet Bracken before sessions begin as he has offered to do some tasks like litter picking with his group.

Birmingham Tree People are working on an interactive map of Birmingham Trees that we hope will include Holders Woods.

Sophie suggested we could replace a damaged cherry tree by the willow arch. Helen will speak to the rangers.

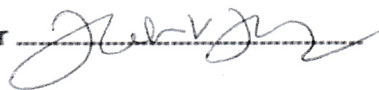
Sophie suggested some laminated identification pamphlets were purchased to help us identify flowers, fungi, butterflies etc. She will send the link to Helen.

Sarah Moss, a local artist is hoping to produce an artwork based on the woods. Posters will be sold and a donation made to our group.

12. AOB

Kevin offered a vote of thanks to the committee.

Signed by the Chair



Date 2/9/2024