

# FOLK AGM 2018



# AGENDA

- Welcome and apologies
- Minutes of 2017 AGM and matters arising
- Officers reports
- Amendments to the constitution
- Election of officers and committee
- Any other business
- Julian Bendle “Back from the Brink”

# Chairman's Report

- New membership secretary
- New newsletter editor
- Drone Survey completed
- Events
  - Very successful first quiz night
  - Charlton Kings Fair
  - Midsummer Fiesta
  - Successful trial of free membership
    - 85 new members joined at the two events
    - Represents a 50% increase in membership in 2 days
    - Compared to 10% decline in the previous year

# Extending free membership trial

- Propose to offer free membership to anyone joining in next 3 years
  - Remove need for postal application with cheque
  - Membership can be applied for by e-mail
  - Use of social media to attract new members
  - Future fundraising will be voluntary at FOLK events
  - Current funds equal to 10 years of memberships subscriptions
  - Review trial at end of 3 years

# Chairman's Report

- Focus for the future
  - Grow membership numbers
    - Through free membership offer
  - Improve communications to members and non members
  - Encourage more input from members
  - More events for members (quiz nights, talks etc)
  - Closer links with like minded organisations
  - Review the Management Plan of the site

# Secretary's Report

Activity	Volunteer hours
Work Parties	935
Project Work	320
Newsletter Production	125
Events	90
Committee meetings and work	430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,900</b>

- The Exec Committee met 8 times during the year
  - All Exec meetings well attended
  - Several sub groups operated during the year
    - Work parties, mapping, communications

# Work Parties Report

- Plan of work updated on website every 6 months
  - Short reports of each work party on website
- Tasks completed over last year include
  - Removing gorse and ash saplings
  - Grass restoration
  - Footpath clearance
  - Cutting back growth in open areas
  - Removing ragwort and hemp agrimony
- Butterfly monitoring continues
- Site condition inspected and approved by Natural England

# Work Party Statistics

- 935 hours of volunteer work
  - 34 different people joined a work party at some time
  - Max group size was 15 and minimum was 4 (wet day)
  - Ave group size as 8.5
- Groups also joined from
  - Kohler/Mira
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham/Leckhampton Scouts
  - Cotswold Wardens



# Amends to the constitution

G.7:

If an officer comes to the end of their permitted term (as defined above) and no nominations are received to replace them the officer may continue in that role until a new nomination is received at an AGM, at which point that officer shall stand down.

# Amendments to the constitution

H.6:

If insufficient nominations are received at an AGM to enable the appointment of 11 Exec members then existing Exec members who have come to the end of their permitted term may continue as Exec members until sufficient nominations are received at an AGM, at which point the Exec member who has served more than the permitted term shall stand down

# Finance Report

- Income declined by £56 (6%)
- Expenditure increased by £355 (59%)
- Deficit for the year of £98
  
- Total funds at year end £4299
  - Equivalent to 5 years of normal operating expense

# Election of officers and committee

Current	Term	Standing 2018 - 19	Exec 2018 - 19
John Harvey: Chair	2014 - 2019	Yes	John Harvey: Chair
Andrew Ross: Sec	2015 - 2018	Yes	Andrew Ross: Sec
Malcolm Geddes: Fin	2016 - 2020	Yes	Malcolm Geddes: Fin
Anne North	2015 - 2018	Yes	Anne North
Peter Whalley	2015 - 2018	No	
Chris Ryder	2016 - 2019	Yes	Chris Ryder
Julius Marstrand	2015 - 2018	No	
Alistair Mckenzie	2015 - 2018	Yes	Alistair Mckenzie
Geoff Holt	2017 - 2020	Yes	Geoff Holt
Peter Nibliett	2017 - 2020	Yes	Peter Niblett
Ken Brennan	2018 - 2021	Yes	Ken Brennan
Chris Nelson	2018 - 2021	Yes	Chris Nelson
Tony Duffin	2018 - 2021	Yes	Tony Duffin

Any Other Business ?