

Minutes for CFG AGM May 17th 2014

Item	Discussion Notes	Actions Arising (incl. person responsible)
Present	Dave Champion, John Roberts, Mary Hunt, Rebecca & Richard Lansdown, Cherie Gordon-Eales, Lee, Jean Oliver, Jane Kirby, Pat & Jennifer O'Dell, Cherry Greenaway.	
Apologies	Sheila Spence,	
Previous minutes	Jean Oliver queried £100 ABFG discretionary payment; JR clarified this was for insurance. Agreed as accurate record: Jean Oliver proposed, Rebecca Lansdown seconded.	CGE to publish on website if necessary.
CFG Accounts; finance report year 2013/14	Treasurer presented documents at meeting; this was profit and loss statement which shows the group is roughly breaking even, although there is money left in the bank from last year. JR stated that there are no sales any more and there is no income from paid walks and talks as committee members have been charging just food & travel expenses (Although DS did bring in income in this way, he also charged the group for expenses, mileage etc.) JR propped staying with ABFG for insurance again this year.	
Recorders Report – to be read by Secretary	RL read statement. JR stated that the species lists from the Spring Forays have been entered onto CATE2 by himself so did not need to go to Sheila. SS is stepping down as Recorder; JR will take on this role from now on.	
Chair's report	DC thanked everyone for their hard work in this difficult year, where nobody was sure of their role. The committee have struggled, especially geographically, and the Committee is unable to continue in its present state.	
Membership report	CGE gave membership numbers; at present there are 37 paid members on roll, compared to 44 at this point last year. The autumn foray season had 103 members.	
CFG in the future	Following on from Chair's report, it was suggested that running the group via committee was insupportable in its present state and really it needed 1 or 2 people to take it on. CGE suggested foraying informally as a group of friends. At this point Lee queried how much work was actually involved. He also stated the need to keep the public side of the Forays going. He was proposed by DC as committee member and seconded by CGE. He will take on the role of Secretary, Membership Secretary and Foray	

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	<p>Organiser, positions from which RL and CGE will step down.</p> <p>Forays have been arranged for this year, but CGE stated that whilst membership is good, attendance at forays is low. To this end, it has been decided to have one foray a month in the hope more people would be able to attend. If we also only foray woods where we have been granted open access it cuts down administration, as we only need to inform the owners of the date of foray, then follow up with a site list after visiting.</p>	
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