

Cotswold Fungus Group AGM 2018



Meeting Minutes

Date: 30th June 2018

Venue: The Education Centre, Westonbirt Arboretum

Those present were as follows: Dave Champion (DC Chairman), Lee Hayward (LH Secretary), John Roberts (JR Treasurer), Colin Pinchen (CP), Cherie Gordon Eales (CGE), Rosemary Davies (RD), Christine Liew (CL), Jean Oliver (JO), Rosemary Davies (RD), George Connor (GC), Leslie Gilbert (LG).

Introduction & Welcome by Dave Champion followed by items numbered as per the agenda (See Appendix 1). Each item below was covered by the name in brackets:

1) Apologies: (Lee H)

Carol Manos, Bob Wills, Peter Cejer

2) Review and Actions of previous (2017) Minutes: (Lee H)

The accounts were very healthy.

Membership very healthy.

Website paid until Jan 2019 (2 year contract with HostGator, to keep cost down).

Microscopy Club Inaugural Session attracted 20+ people.

Photo Competition was really successful. Approx 50 calendars were ordered.

LH requested change in constitution w.r.t wording about recording.

Action Closed: motion carried and changes have been made in the current CFG Constitution.

CP suggested letting people know about extra events and bioblitzes.

Action Closed: The annual members (joining) email has been modified to mention where extra events can be found on the CFG website. The CFG website now includes an extra page (www.cotswoldfungusgroup.com/events) which includes all additional events.

Proposed purchases: Good quality In-Field GPS and voice recorder.

Action Closed: Both the GPS and Voice recorder were purchased and are in the possession of Jason Doe.

3) Chairman's Report (Dave C)

Dave reported that the group is in a good state and continues to thrive.

4) Treasurer's Report (John R)

John reported that the account funds balance and the funds are in good shape. The balance as of 27/03/2018 is £1866.45.

LH still has to bank £10.00 membership fees.

Action Closed: £10.00 banked (LH)

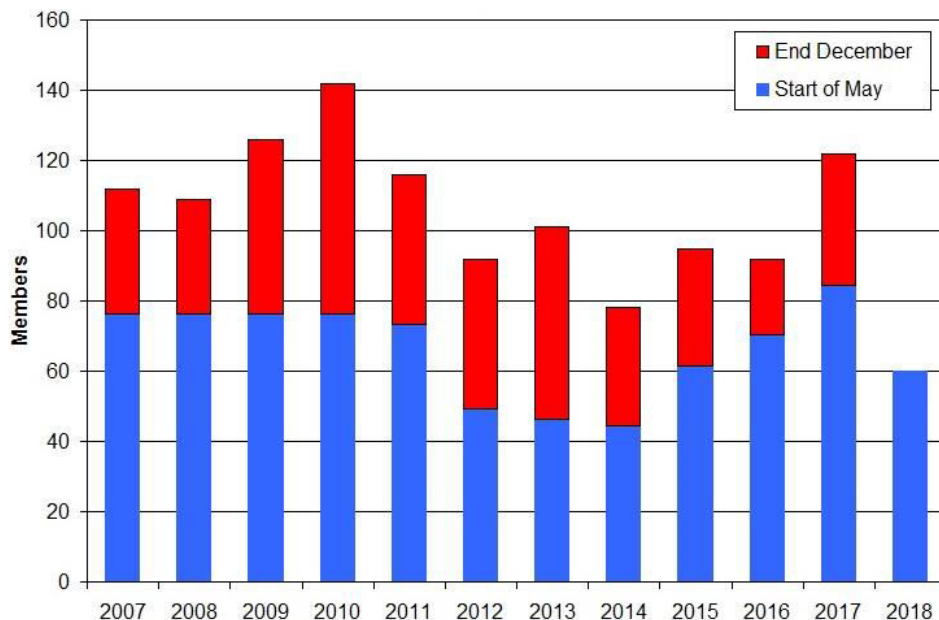
LH mentioned that the main additional outlay this year has been the GPS (Circa £200).

5) Membership Report 2018: (Lee H)

122 paying members last year (very high for a fungus conservation group!).

Continued policy of not advertising CFG.

Membership (as of May 2018) is lower than expected but is not cause for concern as CFG conducted fewer spring forays than in previous years.



6) Secretary's Report: (Lee H)

2 years web hosting with HostGator runs out in Jan 2019. This has decreased the price we pay. We now host two other fungi groups and a further site bring the price we pay down to very little. Looking to move web hosting to new, cheaper, British supplier.

Microscopy club went really well. Would really like to run more sessions this year.

Photo competition - very successful. Will be started this summer.

ALL recent & historical records have now been collated and sent to all woodland management bodies and county records offices (GCER, Wiltshire & Swindon Biological Records Centre)

Group SatNav and voice recorder have been purchased.

Foray programme, Public Days, Talks/Presentations, Library, Website, Facebook, Microscopy Club, Photo Competition are all in place. I don't intend implementing anything major or new this year, unless anyone has any ideas they would like to see?

Personal points (LH):

CFG Library: thanks to all those that continue to supply books.

Apologies that foray programme has not been confirmed and written, hence, apologies that members area on website has not been updated yet.

7) Election of CFG Committee (Lee H)

The current CFG committee as of commencement of this AGM is:

Chairman:	Dave Champion
Treasurer:	John Roberts
Secretary:	Lee Hayward
Recorder:	John Roberts
Recorder:	Jason Doe
Membership secretary:	Lee Hayward
Foray Organiser:	Lee Hayward
Website & Data Controller:	Lee Hayward
Date Manager:	Tanya Gray Jones
Facebook Administrators:	Dave Champion, Mary Hunt

All members of the current committee intend to re-stand for existing positions. Nobody else present wanted to stand for election for any existing position? Each position was proposed and seconded by other members of the committee. All proposals were carried.

LH stated that these further committee roles are available:

- Lunch Organiser
- Foray Organiser
- Events Organiser

Cherie Gordon-Eales volunteered for the roles of Lunch Organiser and Events Organiser

DC proposed and JR seconded each proposal. The motion was carried

Cherie Gordon-Eales is now a CFG committee member, with immediate effect.

8) CFG Schedule for 2018 (Lee H)

Foray program for the whole of 2018 has been finalised, and published on the website.

The January 2018 Westonbirt foray/picnic has been finalised.

There are two public forays:

- Westonbirt on National Fungus Day. I've invited CFG/DFG/NSBFG. Same format as last year - Group foray / Public forays / Fungus display & info / Fungus Groups Picnic in adjacent rooms in Education Centre. This was really successful last year.
- Batsford Arboretum, we do for costs plus lunch only.

Autumn Lower Woods foray is joint with NSBFG has been confirmed.

Re-Introduced forays at Clanger and Biss woods in N.Wilts.

Lectures/Presentations/Talks/Walks already confirmed are all listed in the events section of the CFG website.

Would really like further Microscopy Club sessions throughout 2018.

Photo Competition (Events Manager?) to be set up during Summer 2018, so that calendars can be printed as an Annual 2019 Calendar.

9) Any Other Business? (Lee H)

- JR mentioned the need for a third signee for cheques/payments made by CFG (currently only LH and JR). It was suggested that Cherie Gordon-Eales should be added as a third group signatory This was proposed to the group in general, all agreed.

Action: Contact NatWest and arrange the necessary changes for CGE to be added as a Cotswold Fungus Group signatory to cheques and payments (LH).

- LH mentioned the recent very sad news of the passing of Roy Betts, the recorder for the North Somerset & Bristol FG, and a good friend of the CFG.

- LH mentioned the complication concerning permission to foray at Savernake forest, and suggested that Natural England would be contacted to get their opinion/assistance.

Action: LH to contact NE re: Savernake permission to foray.

- The floor was opened for anyone else present to have their say. No further actions arose from this.

The meeting was closed.

Recap of actions arising from the 2018 CFG AGM:

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2. Action: LH to contact NE re: Savernake permission to foray.

Annual General Meeting 2018

Date: 30th June 2018 at 14:00pm

Location: Education Centre, Westonbirt Arboretum

Agenda:

- 1) Apologies.**
- 2) Review of minutes of the previous meeting.**
- 3) Chairman's report.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report.**
- 5) Membership report.**
- 6) Secretary's report.**
- 7) Election of CFG committee.**
- 8) CFG schedule for 2018.**
- 9) Any Other Business.**

