

# Beeston Wildlife Group 2020 AGM – 11.1.21

Welcome to BWG AGM at the start of our 25<sup>th</sup> year.

**Apologies: NA**

**Approval of the 2019 minutes.** Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Who will propose that they have read the minutes and that they are an accurate account? **Proposers: NA** **Seconders: NA**

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

None

## **Chairman's report**

### 1. Martin Butler

Martin, chairman of BWG passed away on 26.3.20.

An obituary has been sent to NWT.

A celebration of his life is being organised for our next group meeting.

Many people associated with BWG have passed on condolences to his wife Sarah. He was clearly very highly regarded and will be missed.

### 2. Committee

Suzanne and Stuart have resigned.

Jess has left the area to work in London.

Phil Squire and Brian Johnson are new members of the committee.

Andrew has moved from vice chairman to chairman.

### 3. Support for local schools

This has been another successful year for Beeston Wildlife Group with progress with the Schools projects that we are supporting.

Swift boxes have been installed at Gilthill Primary using funds from BWG. We have also supported Gilthill School with the design and building of a wildlife and pond area. This has been completed and is already proving a great success with pupils and staff.

Maintenance has been carried out on the pond and wildlife area at Trent Vale Infants.

### 4. Support for local business

After receiving a request for assistance, BWG is helping to design and install a wildlife pond in the grounds of a local business in Sawley. The wet weather during winter and spring, followed by the Covid 19 outbreak has meant this project is still unfinished. We plan to complete it during the summer.

At the same venue, BWG has also installed swift boxes, bat boxes and insect boxes. The planned fitting of an owl box has been delayed but will be completed when possible.

### 5. BWG talks, walks and trips

The talks continue to be a success and are always well attended with an average of around 90 people. Subjects continue to be varied, interesting and we are always willing to explore new topics and speakers. If you wish to recommend someone, please let one of the committee know.

Our free Saturday guided walks around Attenborough are very popular – almost too popular – so we have decided to only advertise these on the flyer, within NWT and to people who attend these meetings.

Trips have taken place to Frampton, Potteric Carr, Rutland Water, and Norbury Weir.

6. Fund raising

BWG donated £300 to the Attenborough Lifeline Appeal

Rob and Leslie Wright took part in an 'open garden' fund raising event and kindly donated the £250 they raised to Attenborough mink eradication programme.

7. Action by the committee

Phil and Brian have enhanced our social media presence and website.

New projector has arrived.

Committee meetings have been held on 7.10.19, 12.12.19, 19.2.20, 10.3.20

New style of flyer has been trialled – next seasons talks seem very promising

8. Thanks

I would like to thank the BWG committee members for their continued efforts in bringing you these events and the walks and trips. Nigel in his role as secretary has the unenviable task of arranging the programme of talks. Sandy needs a special mention for 'always being there' with his help and encyclopaedic knowledge.

I'd also like to thank Jean, Judith, Kath, Anne, Rob, Rob and Neil who help in running the mid-session refreshments.

Also, thanks must go to Sue and Sarah who have continued to assist in the task of taking people's money on the Door.

Again, I would also like to thank everyone for helping with setting the room up and for packing it away.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your continuing support in making us what we are today.

**Treasurer's report**

TBA

A copy of the accounts will be sent to Notts Wildlife Trust and copies are available for people to view if wished.

Can we have an approver and seconder for the approval of the accounts?

Approved: NA

Seconded: NA

**Now to the Election of officers.**

- Andrew Lee – chairman
- Nigel Slater – secretary
- Sue Cotton - treasurer

**Election of officers**

We would like to put forward en bloc the current committee to carry on their duties.

Approval proposer: NA

Seconded: NA

**AOB.**

**Now I would like to close the meeting noting the time.**