

Friends of Harebreaks Wood

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 October 2012 at St Mark's Church Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Neil Bennett, Keith Cheyney, Steve Harvey (Chair), and David Wallis.

Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Sue Ahrens, Heather Law, Ann Joynes and Ann Austin.

1. Chairman's Review of 2011 / 2012.

2011 / 2012 had been quite a successful year. There was a reasonable attendance at each of the regular events: Dawn Chorus, Bat Search, Butterfly Count, Fungus Foray, etc. and the weather had been fine for them. Again, the need was felt for some expert guidance. Tree planting continued and those put in a few years ago are now quite large. Litter had not been particularly troublesome.

Part of the bluebell area has been trampled over and Steve said he would ask Ian Mather about progress with repairing the barriers. He will also ask when the new interpretation boards will be put up.

There had been problems regarding access at the Fox Hill / Cherrytree entrance but at least it had not been closed off completely. The adjacent fence had been damaged.

Steve continues to keep the web-site up-to-date with general information on the Friends' activities.

2. Officers for 2012 / 2013

In the absence of any offers, Steve agreed to continue as chairman. David Wallis will continue to keep notes at the general meetings

Again there was no news from Ian Brandon, so Keith Cheyney agreed to try again to contact him. (Note: Ian remains one of the signatories for the Friends' bank account).

3. Finance

Steve suggested we should find out whether we could get a grant from local government or county community funds to enable us to offer payments to experts for providing guidance on our events.

4. Programme for 2012 / 13

See overleaf:

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It was agreed to hold the following events;
(meet in St Mark's car park before proceeding to Harebreaks Wood)

Saturday 1 December	1.30 pm	Tree Planting	Subject to confirmation by Ian Mather
Saturday 2 February	1.30pm	Litter-pick	
Saturday 13 April	5.30am	Dawn Chorus, (followed by breakfast)	
Saturday 27 April	1.30pm	Bluebell Walk	
Saturday 15 June	1.30pm	Litter-pick	
Friday 12 July	9.30pm	Bat Search	
Saturday 27 July	1.30pm	Butterfly Survey	
Saturday 21 September	1.30pm	Fungi Search	
Saturday 19 October	1.30pm	Litter-pick	
Saturday 7 December	1.30pm	Tree planting	

The Planning Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 9 January, 10 April, 10 July and 9 October 2012, in St Mark's Church Hall, beginning at 7.30pm.

Some coppicing needed to be done, particularly along the boundary with Foxhill. The work by BTCV had not been altogether satisfactory. However, this work will only be undertaken by the Friends of Harebreaks Wood if Ian Mather is available to instruct and supervise.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.