

THE BEACON HILL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday, 3rd December 2014 at The Waggon and Horses, Doultling Beacon

Present: Julian Back (secretary), Peter Banks (treasurer), Fran Britten, Jennie O'Kane, Mary Newman (membership), Richard Raynsford, Christine Mayle, Alan Connock, Bo Walsh, Jessica Rothwell, Jacob Britten, Victoria ?

Apologies: Rick Gledhill, Brenda Rogers

Minutes of previous meeting 3rd September, 2014

The previous minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

- **Dog Poo Bins:** These are available for £215, if we get one and position it by the main entrance Mendip D.C. Should empty it. We decided to go ahead and buy one. Julian will order one.

Officers reports

Chair: none

Secretary: none

Treasurer: approximate funds are £1530 of which about £500 is committed to the Dennis Hill bequest for school trips to Beacon Hill Wood. We made about £30 profit on the Archaeology Talk.

Membership Secretary: We now have 25 paid up members.

Bench Installation Update

The bench has now been installed. We are still concerned that more benches might be installed even though we have received an email from Helen Parr (Woodland Trust) stating that no more are planned. We would prefer to have this in writing (not email). Julian to request it.

Wells Museum Display Update

The urn is on display in Wells museum but some members are unhappy with the wording of the text describing the exhibit. Peter, Fran, Mary and Jennie to come up with new text for the display.

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Discussion of Future Events

Archaeology Walk: we would like to hold this again as part of Archaeology Week. This would need to be coordinated with the Wells Archaeology Group.

Hedge Laying: We will not be doing any hedge laying this winter but would like to do some more in Autumn 2015.

Investigation of possible WWII features: Richard Raynsford has agreed to lead this project possibly with some help from members of Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society.

Fungus Foray: We would like to do this again next year. Mary Newman will talk to Les Cloutman.

Bluebell Walk: We will do this again next year but we need to come up with some new questions for the trail.

Forest Camp / Forest Schools: Can we link up with a local Forest Schools group to arrange some children's events in the wood? Look on the web for a local group. Green Connect was also mentioned.

Orienteering / Geocaching: Ideas suggested by Rick Gledhill. We would like to investigate these further although some members were not keen on Geocaching.

Litter Picking: We will do a litter pick on Sunday, 1st February at 10.20am.

Footpath to Bench Maintenance: The path is becoming difficult for wheelchair access. Alan Connock & the Road-Up gang are planning to have a repair session in May 2015.

AOB

Secretary: Julian announced his intention to stand down as secretary at the next AGM.

Management Plan: Bo Walsh asked if there was a management plan for the wood. We believe there is and Peter Banks thinks he has a copy. Peter will dig out the plan and send a copy to Bo.

Fencing: Peter confirmed that repairs have now been made to the fencing at the entry points and with the WT he is revising the A4 RoW notices here following latest MBX activity in the wood.

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Next Meeting

This will be the AGM. Wednesday, 1st April 2015, 7.30pm at the Waggon and Horses, Doultong Beacon. We should be meeting in an upstairs room if it is available, if not we will be in the snug by the bar.

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