



**THREE BROOKS NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
at the Ramada Grange Hotel, Winterbourne**

**Present:**

*Members*

Hannah Watts (Chair)

Rachael Ann  
Dave Baker  
Rachel Callow  
Steven Callow (Treasurer)  
Martin Collier  
Emma Creasey (Secretary)  
Richard Cridland  
Robin Jones  
Sara Messenger  
Andy Moon  
Ceri Pritchard  
Rob Williams

*Non-members*

Colin Blenkinsopp

*In attendance*

Paul Humphreys, BTCV  
John Morris, South Gloucestershire Council

*Apologies received from:* Jenny Darwin, Mayur Desai, Nyasha Parirenyatwa

## 1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were approved.

*Fencing by skate park* – a path into the wood will be created just beyond the “shoe tree”. Members asked if local children had been consulted – John thought not and agreed to speak to the youth worker. **Action: John**

*Seating* – Paul is considering making turf seats in the meadow with the turf removed after flower planting. He also noted that a large oak in Savage’s Wood has fallen and this could provide a lot of wood for seats. **Action: Committee to think about seating sites.**

*Fencing around new pond* – a project is being funded by the South Gloucestershire landfill tax.

## 2. Secretary's report on activity 2007-08

Emma presented the report. The group had had another successful year of activity with the creation of the website, [www.three-brooks.info](http://www.three-brooks.info), and obtaining a tool store being highlights. (*Full report will be made available on the website*).

## 3. Treasurer's report 2007-08

Steve presented the report. Most of the funds held were committed to projects under the Breathing Spaces grant.

The group noted that there was no formal statement of ownership over the tool store. It had been obtained partly from a grant given to the group and partly from an SGC donation so it could be seen to be joint owned. **Action: committee to discuss with John.**

## 4. Appointment of officers

The existing officers were re-appointed.

## 5. Workday and event planning

The workdays for the remainder of the year were agreed as follows:

July – Birdbox making followed by putting them up in the woods. A grant or donation in kind will be required for the wood. Richard offered to cut the boxes up into “kits”. **Action: John to find out how many kits we might need.** John has metal plates for the box fronts.

August – Haycut by Webb’s Wood

September – Haycut to start at orchard and moving down the path

October – bramble bashing  
November – felling/clearing in the plantations near the lake  
December – felling/clearing  
January – hedgelaying – exact hedge to be identified!

## 6. Breathing Places Grant update

*Paths* – stone paths were more expensive than hoped – committee would need to discuss further.

*Orienteering trail* – John passed round a map to show where the trail would be. Posts for the trail would be arriving soon. Sensitive areas such as the top of the Tump and Webb's Wood were "out of bounds".

*Education material* – the Committee had produced 4 leaflets (the Lake, Trees, Birds and Flowers). The Council would donate some additional money for printing: the Committee would decide how many leaflets were wanted.

*Community events* – wildflower planting day and fungi foray held; Paul to run some bat walks.

*Events with ecologist*- Dawn Chorus (17 May) and June survey day booked with Rupert Higgins.

*Promotional material* – Leaflet dispensers ordered and some t-shirts would be printed.

*Tools* – had now been bought from BTCV.

## 7. Green Gym after March 2009

Jenny's funding would cease in March. The group agreed that the Green Gym members needed to decide if they wished to continue running separately as a "green gym" (which would require a volunteer to lead it) or whether they wished to run as a more informal offshoot of the main conservation group. **Action: Green Gym to decide and come back to the main group.**

## 8. Future projects

Members were asked to suggest projects that might be covered by future grants and/or workdays. Suggestions included:

- Webbs Wood – tidying up entrances
- Green woodwork course run by Paul over 2-3 days
- Tump improvements (consult with Rupert)
- Seating
- Wildflower planting near Sherbourne's Brake
- Interpretation boards by the lake and elsewhere
- Replace the plastic bridge at the corner of Savage's Wood
- Cutting drainage trenches from the lower Savage's Wood path into Patchway Brook
- Bird feeding station

- Toolcare training day
- Hedgelaying equipment

Litter picking can be done at any time – litter pickers can be obtained free from SGC. **Action: John to get a few for the group**

## **9. Any other business**

There was no other business.