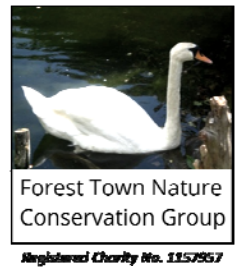


**Notes from Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG)
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday 5th July 2017**



Present: Rose, Kevin, Lorraine, Josh, Shlomo, Colin, Alan, Tony H, Richard, Mark, Ann C, John G., Dennis, Malcolm, Pauline, Frances, Jill, Callum, Sam, Janet, and Phil [21] and guests John Childs, Simon and Sharon Crofts [24]

Apologies: John C., Celia, Tim, Ian, Christine, Megan, Ron T., Natalie, Jes, Betty, Barry, Helen, Ron J., Jim, Phyllis, Chris, Andrew, Elizabeth and David Smith, David Shaw, Val, Geoff, Ross, Doug, Ann W., Ann D., Katrina, Sarah, Marie, Charles, Tony D., Mitch, Shane, Gareth and Linda [35].

All present were welcomed and thanked. Copies of Report & Accounts were distributed. The Report & Accounts are also available from:

http://www.foresttown.net/nature/FTNCG_2017_Report_and_Accounts.pdf

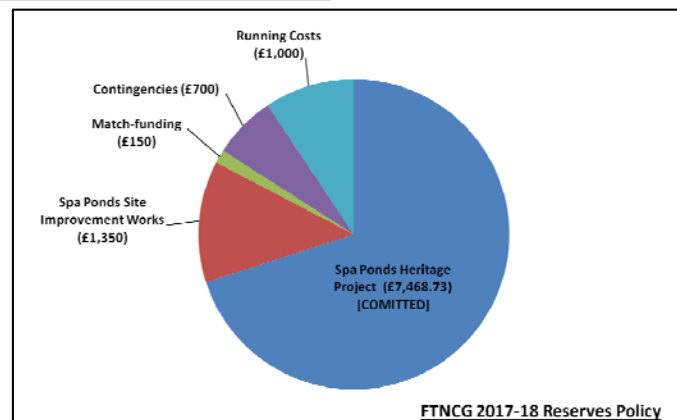
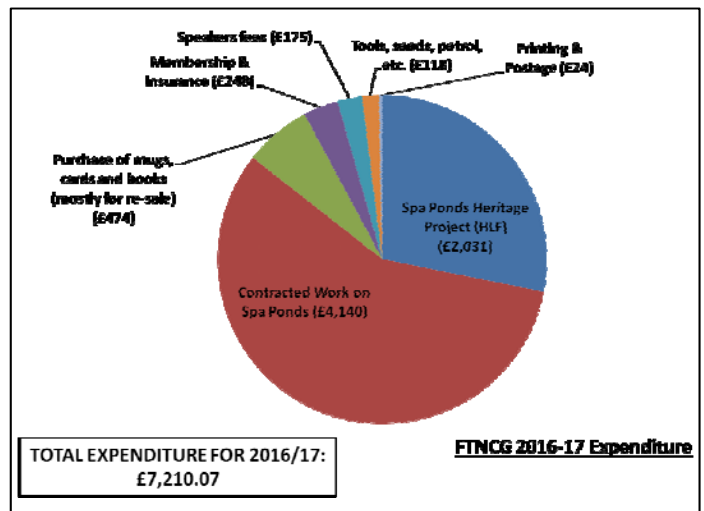
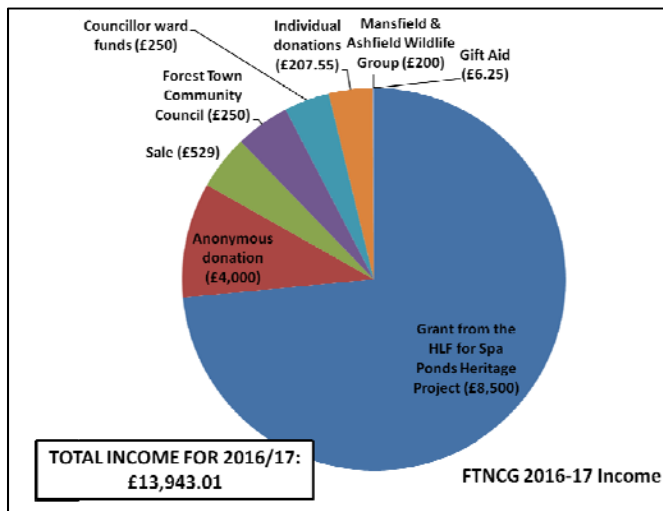
Shlomo, as Chair, provided a review of the past year, noting that FTNCG's achievements for 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 are set out in more detail in Report & Accounts. Highlights includes:

- Spa Ponds mugs and cards designed by John C. from photographs donated by Tim K.
- Spa Ponds Heritage Project, including sharing and recording oral histories
- 3,000+ volunteer hours litter picking and conservation work in and around Forest Town
- Cooperating with the Forest Town Community Council (by providing monthly updates)
- Helping manage Himalayan Balsam in and around the Spa Ponds site
- Playing an active role as part of the Sherwood Catchment Partnership
- Meeting with fellow landowners and police to address anti-social behaviour
- Recording and reporting of wildlife sightings (including bats and fungi)
- Carrying out regular water quality testing and sharing results (thanks to Phil and Janet)
- Taking part in International Clean Up Mansfield Day and the Great British Spring Clean
- Planting trees and pond plants, dead hedging and maintenance sessions carried out by FTNCG volunteers, alongside commissioning £4k+ work that was carried out by EMEC
- Several bird boxes were installed at Spa Ponds. Note: Special thanks to Kevin who made and installed many of these bird boxes, and who reported at the AGM that at least some are already being used by nesting birds!
- Delegation of volunteers shown around Valeclose Plantation (part of Ravensdale LNR)

It was reported that FTNCG comprised 52 members (on 27th May), and by the close of the AGM there was a total of 56 members. Gratitude was expressed for all FTNCG members' voluntary efforts, and for the support shown by non-members such as our local councillors.

Josh, as Treasurer, delivered an oral Finance Report based on the Statement of Accounts, which was accompanied by the following presentation slides:

<u>Accounts for 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017</u>				<u>Accounts for 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2016</u>			
Opening balance (Total)				Opening balance (Total)			
	Cash	£28.90		Cash	£32.80		
	Bank	£3,927.01	£3,955.91	Bank	£1,999.18	£2,031.98	
Total income		£13,943.01		Total income		£3,353.07	
Total expenditure		£7,210.07		Total expenditure		£1,429.14	
Closing balance (Total)				Closing balance (Total)			
	Cash	£45.33		Cash	£28.90		
	Bank	£10,643.52	£10,688.85	Bank	£3,927.01	£3,955.91	



It was noted that further details were available within the Report & Accounts.

The following FTNCG Officers and Trustees were elected unanimously:

- Shlomo Downen for the Office of Chair;
- Richard Smith for the Office of Vice-Chair;
- Lorraine Downen for the Office of Secretary;
- Josh Downen for the Office of Treasurer; and
- Alan Alberry, Mark Fretwell, John Gibson, Phil Goodall, and Jez Healy as Trustees

The AGM was formally closed, and following a short break those present enjoyed a presentation from Ann Childs on the interim results of the Spa Ponds Heritage Project's Oral Histories research and analysis.