

**Minutes of Forest Town Nature Conservation Group (FTNCG) Annual
General Meeting (AGM)
Saturday 8th June 2019**



Registered Charity No. 1157957

Present: Shlomo, Lorraine, Josh, Phil, Jes, Alan, Ann, Mark, Thomas, Jill, Colin, Helen, Malcolm, Pauline M, Dennis, Dianne, and Kevin [17]

Welcome and Reports & Accounts

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_2019_Report_and_Accounts.pdf

Shlomo (outgoing Secretary, incoming Chair and Vice-Secretary) provided a **brief summary of the Charity's Report & Accounts**, which can be summarised as follows:

- Our Report & Accounts sets out how the charity complied with our obligations under the Charities Act, including details of FTNCG's structure, governance and management, accompanied by a description of the activities undertaken to meet our charitable object.
- Page 5 describes water quality and wildlife monitoring activities, including details of the toad counts that took place in April 2018 and March 2019.
- Page 6 features a list of the trees, seeds, bulbs and plants that we planted at Spa Ponds over the past year or so.
- Page 7 provides a brief summary of our ongoing heritage work and a description of FTNCG working in partnership with other organisations.
- Pages 8 – 11 provide financial details for the charity, including our reserves policy and information about our income and expenditure.
- The Report concludes with a monthly summary of the **2,629 volunteer hours** delivered between April 2018 and March 2019

Josh (Ongoing Treasurer and incoming Secretary) then provided a **Financial Report** based on the Report & Accounts. These were summarised as follows:

OPENING BALANCE: £3,131.93

INCOME FOR 2018/19

£334.00	Robin Hood Lottery
£250.00	Ward Allowance (Cllr. M Wright)
£183.00	Donations from individuals, inc. membership
£98.60	WatersideCare (refunding travel expenses)
£50.05	HMRC Gift Aid
£20.00	Fundraising / Sales (1 book and 2 mugs)
£0.15	Bank interest
£935.80	TOTAL INCOME FOR 2018/19

EXPENDITURE FOR 2018/19

£960.00	Contracted Work on Spa Ponds
£479.47	Tools, seeds, plants, etc.
£309.27	Membership & Insurance
£166.63	Training, education and research
£38.59	Printing & postage
£1,953.96	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2018/19

CLOSING BALANCE: £2,113.77

Shlomo then provided a **photo-based review of the past year**, starting from the toad count on the 14th of April 2018 and concluding with the toad count on the 20th of March 2019, highlighting the excellent work carried out by FTNCG volunteers.

This is available from: http://www.foresttown.net/nature/FTNCG_Photo_Review_2018_2019.pdf

The following FTNCG Officers and Trustees were elected unanimously:

- Shlomo Downen for the Offices of Chair and Vice-Secretary
- Josh Downen for the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer
- James (Jez) Healy for the Office of Vice-Chair
- Alan Alberry (Spa Ponds Warden)
- Mark Fretwell (Tree Officer)
- John Gibson (Landowners Group Liaison)
- Phil Goodall (Water Catchment Liaison)
- Lorraine Downen (Trustee)
- Diane Simpson (Trustee)

We noted that other roles include Barry Housley continuing as our Warden alongside Alan, and Helen Johnson continuing as our Rushpool Liaison Officer.

The AGM was formally closed, and following a short break those present enjoyed two presentations:

- Josh gave a presentation exploring the history of Spa Ponds entitled "**Time Travelling with Maps**", available from: http://foresttown.net/nature/FTNCG_2019_AGM_Spa_Ponds_Time_Travelling_With_Maps.pdf
- Phil gave a presentation on recent developments in assessing and maintaining water quality at Spa Ponds entitled "**Water Quality at Spa Ponds**". Water quality testing results are available from: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Np2Ey-HywxIBHcJiMSykUX645wrsHzlQbOAvIHGyfGk/>