**Friends of Bradgers Hill Meeting – 17 August2017**

1. **Present:**

Abi Coupe, Dave Coupe, Alan Mason, Charulata Patel, James Hetherington, Margaret Hetherington, Paul Hammond & Trevor Tween.

1. **Apologies:**

Jim Casey& Charulata Patel

1. **Review of Wildlife Weekend**

Overall a success, with some events much more successful than others.Over 800 leaflets were distributed and social media promotion helped to boost numbers on the day.

***Bats Evening*** – Well attended by approximately 25 people, but few children likely due to the timing of the event. Worth running again in future.

***Mini Beasts & Geocaching Treasure Hunt*** – Small turn out, possibly due to poor weather. Difficult to say if worth running again.

***Scrub Clearance run by TCV*** – Changed from ragwort clearance to scrub clearance. Attracted some parents and teenage children. Lack of clarity on meeting point.

***Astronomy***–Approximately 20 attended despite cloudy skies. Good speakers, worth running again.

***Reptile Roadshow*** – Most successful event, with 40 plus attending and good presenters. Definitely worth running again.

Agreed that in 2018 we will run 1 event per month during the July - August rather than having a full weekend to hopefully avoid clashes and all events being washed out by poor weather.

1. **Minutes of July 2017**

Agreed. One amendment to the cost of Public & Education Resource (section 4) which should have read £386.

1. **Finance (Alan Mason)**

The bank account is currently £475.29 in credit.

Alan yet to receive bank details for the Bedfordshire Bats Society. **Action:** Charulata to chase up the Bats Society for their bank details.

We agreed to proceed with the renewal of the TCV subscription. **Action:** Abi to arrange TCV renewal and liaise with Alan re payment.

Alan has circulated our Public Liability Insurance Certificate.

1. **2017 Events**

Highlights include:

* Monthly meetings.
* Walks, approximately 5 miles, led by Bob and Rita.
* Litter picks - 4 per year
* Butterfly Surveying between May – October.
* TCV and conservation work
* Wildlife Weekend.
1. **Your Say Your Way**

The presentation takes place on the afternoon of 16 September. Abi and Dave happy to compile the presentation but are not available to present.

We will be bidding for £980 composed of:

* Equipment - £200
* Resources/speaker support - £190
* Reopening of the nature trails and associated marketing - £550
* TCV Membership - £40
1. **Rights of Way – New Works Proposed (James Hetherington)**

The scheduled monument consent application for the next set of works has been approved. James has also given notice to Old Bedford Road Estates.

The work will take place on 14 & 28 September and will be combined with the installation of the new interpretation signage. The signage is now paid for. We will ask Rachel Hopkins/David Franks to officially unveil. **Action:** Dave to contact counsellors about the sign launch.

**Action:** James to re-send the timber specification details to Trevor.

James will report in September on the estimated time and materials for the next phase of clearance.

1. **AOB**

**Action (carried forward):** Charulata to circulate the Risk Assessment Template supplied by the Wildlife Trust.