**Friends of Bradgers Hill Meeting – 13 September 2017**

1. **Present:**

Abi Coupe, Dave Coupe, Alan Mason, Charulata Patel, James Hetherington, Margaret Hetherington, Bob Tarron, Rita Tarron& Trevor Tween.

1. **Apologies:**

Jim Casey, Judith Batson& Scott Ashdown.

1. **Minutes of August 2017**

Agreed.

1. **Finance (Alan Mason)**

The bank account is currently £360.94 in credit made, up of Your Say Your Way funds at £168.04 and general funds at £192.90.

**Action:**Alan to keep trying to pay the Bat Society (problem with the account details they have supplied).

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. Paul will 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

Speaking notes discussed and agreed. Abi has sent to Paul.

**Post Meeting Note:** Presentation successful and full £980 awarded. Well done all, especially Paul for a great presentation.

1. **Rights of Way – New Works Proposed (James Hetherington)**

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

James has issued a paper on ‘Restoration of the trails on the Northern Part of Bradgers Hill’ (attached to these Minutes). A recent survey has shown sections of the Nature Trail to be difficult, if not impossible to access. James and Alan have taken an extensive selectionof supporting photographs. Our Group has a good selection of tools and would be able to clear much of the trail that has become overgrown and difficult to transverse. We would need assistance from a group which has access to and is trained to use power tools to remove the brambles blocking the trail. It is estimated that 2 days would be needed (£400) and the possible addition of way markers at £150. The total project cost is will be funded from the Your Say Your Way Grant.

We will also aim to hold a couple of work parties with TCV before the end of the year, which we can publicise on our new notice boards.

1. **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Constitution states that the AGM should be held in the September Group Meeting. The Group agreed that the AGM would be deferred to the October 2017 Meeting and will revert to September in 2018.

At AGM we will review the Annual Report, elect Officer positions and consider priorities for the coming year.

1. **AOB**

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

Rita recently attended a U3A talk from a police wildlife liaison officer, who would be a good future speaker. **Action:** Rita to find out the contact details of the wildlife liaison officer.