

Minutes of the 6th AGM of Friends of Lye Valley
7.30pm Monday 6 August 2018 St Francis' Church Hall, Hollow Way

Present; Dr Judy Webb (Chair), Dr Terry Wood (Treasurer), Steve and Hazel Dawe (Press & Publicity), Heather Armitage (Secretary), Steve Woolliams (Committee Member).
13 additional Members.

1. **Welcome** by the Chair, Dr Judy Webb
2. **Apologies:** received from Nina Curtis, Terry Newsome
3. 2017 AGM minutes were accepted by members unanimously
4. **Matters arising:** Judy Webb reported that a short version of her 2017 talk on Wildlife on Allotments is available on her website.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (attached) to the end of the financial year 31 March 2018. TEW explained that the travel expenses reimbursement was to Rod D' Ayala who does huge amounts of expert advisory work as well as manual work in the Valley. The FoLV bank balance is almost the same at the end as at the beginning of the financial year. HA proposed, and it was agreed unanimously, that a payment of £50 be made to the Chair as a contribution towards the cakes consumed by volunteers. No receipts would be required.
6. **Fees 2018/19** Unanimously agreed to remain as follows: Adult £5, Family £7, unwaged zero.
7. **Chair's Report (on file).** FoLV was represented at Headington Festival and Headington Eco Festival. FoLV have been extremely active during 2017/18. The Valley is a leading example of rare habitat restoration in progress with enormous support from many voluntary groups and the local community.
8. **A summary of the proposed hydrological works** was presented. These are designed to mitigate the destructive effects of the Thames Water road-run drain which feeds into the delicate Lye and Boundary brooks. The work should take place in the near future.
9. **Thanks to:** all Committee members and Tony Gillie (social media), Stephanie Jenkins (website), Heather Armitage, for large contribution to finances from jam donations. Grateful acknowledgement to Headington Action for £500 donation for Survey of 'running invertebrates' by Steve Gregory (spider, beetle, mollusc, woodlouse and millipede man) plus a contribution towards refreshing the group's work party tools.
10. **Election of Officers:** the following were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved for stated office for the coming year:
Chair: Dr Judy Webb
Treasurer: Dr Terry Wood
Secretary: Heather Armitage
Committee members Steve and Hazel Dawe and Steve Woolliams also agreed to serve for another year
11. **AOB.** Steve and Hazel Dawe raised the worrying possibility that Bullingdon Community Centre would NOT be rebuilt and the land used for housing or by the NHS – both entailing a larger footprint and causing damage to the hydrology of the Lye Valley fens.: It was agreed by the meeting that this would be the subject of a letter from FoLV to the appropriate body/ies.
12. **Talk by Dr Judy Webb:** "Bringing back Elm and Lime trees to the Lye Valley". This was a fascinating account of planting donated disease-resistant elms, the food of rare hairstreak caterpillars. Judy also described the demise of the formerly dominant species lime trees which probably died out as a result of global cooling and harvesting for animal fodder and bedding. Judy's talk was supported by actual examples of small and large leaved lime and elm leaves to demonstrate their different features.
13. **Meeting closed 8.50pm** to allow for payment of fees and donations for jam.