

**Friends of Troopers Hill
Note of Annual General Meeting
Sunday 5th December 2010
Summerhill Methodist Church**



Attendees: Jude, Bryan, Rob, Susan, Clare, Sue, Kit, Helen, Fabian, Laura, David

Susan welcomed participants to the AGM and introduced the programme for the meeting.

Rob presented a Slide and Video Show reporting on FOTH's activities during 2010, as follows

- seasonal views
- Green Flag process and awards
- progress with the agreed programme of works described in the Management Plan
- impact of fires at certain locations,
- volunteer participation in work parties,
- completion of the YANSEC project (including new benches and the remodelling of Greendown entrance)
- memorial bench
- new waste bin
- mine shaft subsidence
- works on the bank adjoining Troopers Hill Road
- a quick quiz on fungi recognition followed.

Friends were reminded, in pictures, of the past year's events, including

- April – Avon Valley Walk and Dawn Chorus
- June – Music on the Hill
- August – T'ai Chi
- October – Dog Show, talk to school children at Summerhill school and visits by pupils to the Hill
- November – Fungi Foray and Kite Flying

The winner of the 2010 Photograph Competition was announced (Vicky Rowe).

A plan of TreeBristol's proposed tree planting on Troopers Hill Field was shown. The meeting was generally supportive of the proposals but some suggestions for changes were made to be passed back to TreeBristol.

Clare gave a brief presentation on Walking for Health. The meeting agreed to support the formation of a Walking for Health Group in St George. Friends of Troopers Hill are applying for a grant to start a group and it was suggested that Clare should be elected to the committee with particular responsibility for this project. (See election details below).

The year's income and expenditure accounts were circulated and the donations and grants received were listed.

A new Treasurer (Norman Spalding) and two new Committee Members (Margaret Watson and Clare Willott) were proposed and elected. The existing Chair (Susan Acton-Campbell), Secretary (Helen Gillard) and Committee members (Rob Acton-Campbell, Kit Elliott, Judith and Bryan Tozer) remained as before.

The meeting discussed and agreed on an amendment to the constitution, qualifying Friends' rights to vote after a period of time and attending a number of meetings and/or work parties. (see <http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/constitutionD.pdf>).

Forward Look to 2011 included

News that the Stepping Forward grant application had passed its first stage and in the event of eventual success could secure a grant of £32,000 from the National Lottery's Community Spaces scheme for improving access to Troopers Hill.

Another grant application was under way to help establish a Walking for Health group in St George.

The Council's Wild City project had appointed two project officers to job share (Helen Adshead and Paula Spiers).

The first work party of the New Year was planned for 8 January.

The first meeting would take place on Thursday 13 January.

The first event of 2011 would be community tree planting on Troopers Hill Field (date of 20 January since confirmed) joining with TreeBristol in a project to plant 10,000 trees across Bristol's parks, open spaces, public housing areas, highway verges and streets.

The 2011 events had been included in a new leaflet, to be distributed with the next edition of the Newsletter (before Christmas). Newsletter recipients currently numbered 248 (166 by e-mail).

Finally, FOTH members recorded a vote of thanks to Rob and Susan for running the group successfully throughout 2010.