

Cumbria Lichen and Bryophyte Group AGM

23rd February 2021

Online

Present: Pete Martin (chair), Caz Walker (minutes), Chris Cant, Clare Shaw, Kerry Milligan, Dave Lamacraft, Geoffrey Haigh, Katherine Haigh, Russell Gomm, Lindsay Jones, Rob Dove, David Freeman, Gary Lawrence, Adam, Jan Davidson, Judy Clavey, Liz Campbell, Pete Bullard, Sue Knight, Les Knight, Wayne Singleton, April Windle, Elspeth, Ian Burrow, John Doudlass, Ivan Day

Apologies: Allan Pentecost, Nerys Jones, Liz Goyder, John Adams, Helen Dunning, Edmund Bewley, Clare de la ?

Agenda

1 Welcome and introduction - Pete Martin.

2 Report on preceding year - Chris Cant.

LOST ending do in March.

Stall at CBDC Recorders' Conference.

There are c 60 people on the mailing list (by email).

Two Facebook groups for lichens and bryophytes - over 100 members on each.

Website has notice of meets, reports and maps.

NBN Group Award nomination for CLBG from April Windle - we were shortlisted.

Outings are the most important part of CLBG. Insurance through the British Lichen Society supports these. To qualify we have a basic constitution and contact person who is BLS member.

3 Amendments to the constitution - none proposed.

4 Election of committee - these people offered and were approved: Clare Shaw, Chris Cant, Caz Walker, Kerry Milligan, David Freeman, Pete Martin (contact person).

5 AOB

i) Money: David F - there is Nature Recovery Network (NRN) funding for small projects, eg pay expert to deliver training. Chris C - BLS could hold funds for us as we have no bank account. Dave L- Plantlife also may be able to help. DF - will look into feasibility. Email him with any ideas for projects. April W - microscopes, other equipment, library, experts' time are all suggestions. DF - funding based on financial year. OK to go through BLS for a Cumbria-based project.

ii) AW - report of concern from Debs Muscat (CBDC) that Cumbria CC is lumping Atlantic woodland in with other woods for NRN. Pete M to liaise with Debs. Judy C - not a problem at the moment as it's a mapping exercise. DF - possible to do both - Atlantic woods as well as other categories of woods?

Bryophyte report - Clare.

Lichen report - Caz

Future trips/activities

First possible date is 17th May

Carrock Fell

Little Dun Fell limestone - Ivan Day

Rosthwaite ash pollards - AW has contact details for farmer

Tilberthwaite - Pete knows of Sticta

Helbeck Wood and Mount Ida - Ivan

Lobaria pulmonaria translocations - revisit/check

Rusland area

Microscope workshops - 3 dissecting and one compound microscope at CBDC are for the group.

Ferry House (Freshwater Biological Association) has room of microscopes and is workplace of Allan Pentecost. Also Cumbria Wildlife Trust has offered free room.

Blea Water, Haweswater, for bryophytes.

Broughty Woods?