

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting



**Saturday 16 November 2024**

### Present:

Dave Morris (Chair, NFPGS)	<b>London</b> Friends of Green Spaces Network (LFGN) + <b>Haringey</b> Friends of Parks Forum
Paul Ely (Research, NFPGS)	Parks Community UK
Shelly Quinton-Hulme (Treasurer, NFPGS)	Friends of <b>Trafford's</b> Parks and Green Spaces
Michelle Furtado (Network Coordinator, NFPGS)	Green Tides ( <b>Adur &amp; Worthing</b> Green Spaces Partnership)
Nigel Sharp (Secretary, NFPGS)	<b>NW</b> Parks Friends Forum
Wasył Strutyński	Association of <b>Manchester</b> Open Space Societies (AMOSS)
Roger Chapman	<b>Barnet</b> Green Spaces Network
Chris Blythe	<b>Birmingham</b> Open Spaces Forum (BOSF)
Suzanne Morpurgo	<b>Brent</b> Residents and Parks Forum
Cliff Munn	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b> Green Spaces Forum
Len Wyatt	<b>Bristol</b> Parks Forum
Anita Smith	<b>Cardiff</b> Parks Forum
Sarah Tolley	<b>Edinburgh</b> Green Space Forum
Gordon Swann	
Barbara Rouse	Friends of Derby Park, <b>Sefton</b>
Sally Sanderson	Friends of Horsham Park, <b>Horsham</b>
Alison Brown	<b>Glasgow</b> Parks Forum
Cath Holmes	<b>Hyndburn</b> Green Spaces Forum
Michael Taylor	<b>Lambeth</b> Friends of Parks Forum
Tom Bliss	<b>Leeds</b> Parks and Green Spaces Forum
John Mardle	<b>Luton</b> Friends of Parks, Green and Blue Spaces
Jan Ingham	
Ean MacKeller	<b>Newcastle</b> Parks Forum
Nicola Dempsey	<b>Sheffield</b> Green Spaces Forum
Margaret Forbes-Hamilton	<b>Torbay</b> Greenspace Forum

### Apologies:

These included:

Sarah Royal (NFPGS)	<b>Birmingham</b> Open Spaces Forum (BOSF)
Wendy Blythe	Federation of <b>Cambridge</b> Residents Associations (FeCRA) & Cambridge Green Space Groups
Diane Ward	Friends of Saltwell Park, <b>Gateshead</b>
Roberta Peak	<b>Liverpool</b> Parks Friends Forum
Pat Gross	<b>Wandsworth</b> Greenspaces Forum
Elizabeth Bowskill	Wyndham Park Forum/Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park/ <b>Grantham</b> Green Spaces Forum
Roger Jones	<b>Newham</b> Parks

<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
DM welcomed all and outlined the Agenda as an introduction to the meeting. It was noted that the meeting date - less than 12 months after the previous AGM aims to bring the AGM timing closer to the date of the annual report to the Charity Commission.	
<b>Minutes of previous AGM (27.1.24)</b>	
Links to minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated to those due to attend prior to the meeting, available at: <a href="https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/NFPGS-AGM-and-Trustees-Mins-Jan-2024.pdf">https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/NFPGS-AGM-and-Trustees-Mins-Jan-2024.pdf</a> . These were approved.	
<b>Annual Report and Officers' Updates</b>	
A link to the NFPGS Annual Report was circulated prior to the AGM. The report is also available on the charity website at: <a href="https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/NFPG-Annual-Report-2023_2024-Final.pdf">https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/NFPG-Annual-Report-2023_2024-Final.pdf</a>	
<b>Chair update (DM)</b>	
DM provided a brief summary of the report and the sector since the previous AGM:	
<b>National Context</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding for Local Authorities continues to decline, with loss of staff to support community activity.</li> <li>- Budgets are now at crisis level with non-statutory services such as parks particularly vulnerable to cutbacks.</li> </ul>	
<b>NFPGS activity</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFPGS is not funded, all activity is volunteer led.</li> <li>- Current priority is to seek revenue funds to sustain the role of the charity supporting community groups in the parks sector, with a dedicated member(s) of staff.</li> <li>- Achievements include the continued development of the Parks Community UK website <a href="https://parkscommunity.org.uk">https://parkscommunity.org.uk</a> as a resource provided by Friends groups, for Friends groups.</li> <li>- The site hosts the Better Friends audit tool designed to support and strengthen the community sector at: <a href="https://parkscommunity.org.uk/betterfriends/">https://parkscommunity.org.uk/betterfriends/</a></li> <li>- The latest report based on data from 400 groups is available on the NFPGS website at: <a href="https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NFPGS-PCUK-Second-Report-2023.pdf">https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NFPGS-PCUK-Second-Report-2023.pdf</a></li> <li>- Additional community sector support is provided through the parks forum e-mail: <a href="mailto:parksforumsuk@lists.riseup.net">parksforumsuk@lists.riseup.net</a></li> <li>- Communication is important to support a movement estimated to comprise over 7,000 groups, with 60,000 active members contributing some 7m hours annually to support UK green spaces, a critical resource in an under resourced sector.</li> <li>- NFPGS has established operational links with joint memorandum of understanding with a wide range of sector bodies including: Keep Britain Tidy; Fields in Trust; The Conservation Volunteers; Groundwork and The Gardens Trust.</li> <li>- These links are important to ensure community input and a voice in sector activity and initiatives. NFPGS also helps bring the sector bodies together.</li> <li>- With adequate resources this impact could be hugely amplified.</li> <li>- Since the January AGM there has been a further general meeting with these</li> </ul>	

<p>sessions enabling discussion on key topics: Relationships with Local Authorities; Working with Volunteers; Biodiversity opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NFPGS has contributed to the World Urban Parks, UK notable in community engagement and empowerment.</li> <li>- NFPGS is to be one of the 10 key sector organisations in a revised ‘Parks Working Group’ (Government/Sector liaison body), to be relaunched following the change of Government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Secretary update (NS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NS advised that in addition to parkforumsuk mailbox, NFPGS receives a wide range of enquiries annually – from individuals, Friends groups and Forums including queries relating to membership, which are supported with signposting to relevant local area forums or encouraged to explore local networking options. NFPGS can support with advice and guidance on new area forum development.</li> <li>- Requests for more specific support include local authorities and sector organisations seeking links to promote new initiatives or research, and those seeking to engage with parks communities.</li> <li>- Group enquiries also include communities seeking advice or support with campaigns – such as in response to development threats. Resources are available at: <a href="https://parkscommunity.org.uk">https://parkscommunity.org.uk</a> and with other sector partners whom NFPGS can share links.</li> </ul> <p><b>Research update (PE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PE reported that NFPGS has developed links with University College London (UCL) to engage Masters students in mutually beneficial research activity.</li> <li>- Topics have included consideration of inclusivity and diversity in parks and parks community groups: developing good FGs/LAs relations.</li> <li>- PE added that he continues to work with UCL to agree further areas for research and is open to suggestions and will be keen to work with others to develop a suitable research brief.</li> </ul> <p>Brief discussion followed (also see chat) with several reps indicating they would like to be involved in a themed working group to explore opportunities. PE to coordinate.</p> <p><b>Treasurer update (SQ-H)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SQ-H summarized the accounts which include funds from a crowdfunder campaign augmented with contributions derived from activity such as speaking at events or other sector support.</li> <li>- NFPGS continues to operate frugally with minimal outgoings, largely comprising in fees associated with website hosting and bank charges.</li> <li>- Full details are shown in the annual report (see earlier link).</li> </ul> <p><b>Member comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JM (Luton) commented that the Forum has added ‘Blue Spaces’ to its area of interest, expanding supportive partnerships to include the Environment Agency and related projects. In addition there are productive links with the local access forum with green spaces contributing to rights of way. Such statutory links help raise the profile and value of the Forum and the sites/ groups represented.</li> <li>- ST (Edinburgh) is also working on inclusivity and hope to develop a ‘vulnerable persons policy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PE</b></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TB (Leeds) added that the Forum has led on inclusive access surveys (see Appendix: zoom chat)</li> <li>- Leeds City Council has also prepared single page docs 'Plan on a Page' to support future plans for each park and he noted that these, and the access surveys should include blue infrastructure issues and comment.</li> </ul> <p>The Annual Report (2023/ 2024) was adopted by those attending.</p>	
<b>Election of Officers and Trustees</b>	
<p>NFPGS officers formally stood down and following a nomination and election process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DM was re-elected as Chair</li> <li>- NS re-elected as Secretary</li> <li>- SQ-H re-elected as Treasurer</li> </ul> <p>SQ-H will also take up the vacant role of Vice-Chair.</p> <p>SR, MF and PE are to continue as trustees.</p> <p>DM extended the invitation to other Area Forum reps to become Trustees, particularly with a view to extending representation from across the regions and home nations. ND accepted the offer and was duly elected as a Trustee.</p>	<b>All note</b>
<b>Motions / Proposed Constitution Changes</b>	
<p>There were no motions or proposed changes to the constitution.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion:</b>  <b>How can Friends Groups and Forums work together well to help protect our valuable green spaces in these challenging times? What support should we be giving to each other? What would help your Forum?</b></p>	
<p>DM outlined the ambition of NFPGS to see a Friends, or community Group for every Green Space with a supportive Area Forum in all towns and cities (and counties where possible). He reiterated that as a voluntary body there are limits to what the NFPGS can do but it's cause will be helped by further evidence of what groups need and how NFPGS can help, information which could substantiate related funding bids to develop the capacity of NFPGS. PE shared a slide summarizing general topics:</p>	

## National Federation of Parks and Greenspaces AGM topic for November 2024

- What does your Group and your Forum need to be more effective in protecting and enhancing your local greenspace(s)

What does your Friends group need?	What does your Friends Forum need?
Access to knowledge	Access to knowledge
Access to skills	Access to skills
Access to people with useful experience	Access to people with useful experience
Something else?	Something else?
How might this be obtained for your group?	How might this be obtained for your Forum?

It was noted that the reduction in local authority (LA) funds and resources, staff, etc has severely depleted capacity to support both parks and their community groups while the demands for community involvement have grown to try to fill this void.

### **Edinburgh (ST)**

- changes of parks contract arrangements has led to improved links with the LA over 70 sites (35 groups) with Forum development including a new website:  
<https://edinburghgreenspacesforum.wordpress.com>
- Forum has helped change Council approach.

### **Brighton & Hove (CM)**

- around 75 groups involved, benefit from ranger team support
- found benefits from sharing/ networking with other Forums – e.g. support on governance, charity development, etc.
- similarly, various resources, guidance etc very useful.
- Need for continued links, support from other groups. NFPGS Forums e-mail list helpful
- Could include links to specialist speakers, etc.

### **Bristol (LW)**

- noted Forums can do things individual groups are unable to owing to resources/status/profile. Considers same applies to NFPGS which may be able to be more influential than a single area forum.
- Highlighted that Forums – and the NFPGS may not always be able to fully engage with potential membership –i.e. groups operate at different levels, some content to be active without Forum involvement, owing to ambition, capacity, etc.
- Value of networking to share and benefit from ideas from others.

### **Horsham (SS)**

- useful to share and see examples from elsewhere – also share successes as a source of encouragement and help for others.

### **Adur & Worthing (MF)**

- established 10yrs but strained relationship with LA, exacerbated by threat/loss of rangers
- importance of area Forum and NFPGS in campaigning and lobbying.

### **Torbay (MFH)**

- extensive geographical area of activity – benefit of zoom meeting (and for NFPGS)
- note that not all attend meetings but still retain input and interest as wider membership, through newsletters.
- Link with other groups –e.g. SW in Bloom and raise profile/ sustain interest through awards and celebration events.
- Groups all independent but there are moves from site management to impose a charter for voluntary groups – revised as a ‘mutual working document’ – but potentially problematic owing to diverse nature of groups/ green spaces, etc.

### **Sefton (BR)**

- concern at loss of LA support (Green Sefton) and impact on community activity, conflict resolution, etc.
- NFPGS and networking can help provide some encouragement and reference of good practice elsewhere.

### **Cardiff (AS)**

- housing threats to green space and infrastructure
- parks threatened due to lack of statutory status
- liaise with multiple agencies to seek support and highlight value of parks
- need for continued guidance/ advice.

### **Newcastle (EMack)**

- Council and site management issues following Trust model (now being taken back ‘in-house’) – claim credit for volunteer input.
- Suggest links to National Association eg of Residents Associations (NORA) to develop community engagement

### **Leeds (TB)**

- using different parks for meetings to help engage different communities & retain interest.
- Originally Council led but groups more to the fore while retaining senior officer input to meetings
- Status of parks benefit from wider environmental agenda – notably climate crisis response and biodiversity net gain (BNG).

### **Birmingham (CB)**

- social coffee mornings, etc and annual Christmas lecture help develop/ retain membership.
- Serious challenges due to Council funding crisis

### **Sheffield (ND)**

- need to consider national links to maintain profile of parks and their value.

### **General comments:**

DM summarized noting several themes had arisen for further consideration:

- in addition to various NFPGS MoUs in place potential to link with Local Government Association (LGA) and show the work of NFPGS, value of Area Forums and importance of community engagement and empowerment.
- Parks/Friends groups/Area Forum community engagement can benefit from links with others

<p>active in the neighbourhood environment – notably litter pick, and ‘In Bloom’ / community garden groups who may share issues and bring additional support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need for guidance on volunteer group charters or agreements which LAs are proposing or even trying to impose – scope to research and review examples and lessons learnt.</li> </ul> <p>He also considered how best to support and share information noting that there is scope for continued, regular zoom sessions to enable discussion on key topics, possibly involving guest speakers.</p> <p>NS added that NFPGS needs to consider both its strategic and practical support – noting the continued need for advocacy and highlighting the value of parks which, though non statutory clearly fulfill essential service areas in relation to health, biodiversity and climate.</p> <p>With regard to practical matters he stressed the two way nature of the membership – with great benefit from member contributions with case studies, suggesting NFPGS could help with a basic template for sharing information.</p> <p>Concluding discussion introduced the idea of developing NFPGS themed working groups – beneficial both to explore topics, and to engage the wider membership in NFPGS activity, adding to capacity.</p>	
<b>AOB / Additional comment [chat]</b>	
<p>DM thanked all for attending and reminded all that there is additional opportunities to share information or seek peer support through the network e-mail: <a href="mailto:parksforumsuk@lists.riseup.net">parksforumsuk@lists.riseup.net</a></p> <p><b>Additional comment - from Zoom Chat (see Appendix – below)</b></p>	<b>All</b>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
Date to be confirmed.	<b>All</b>

## Appendix: Zoom Chat

*Note: Personal emails removed in this published version*

### Tom Bliss - Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum:

- I teach landscape architecture at Leeds Beckett, and we do some research via our postgrads. We also have a very good researcher at Uni of Leeds <https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/law/staff/177/dr-anna-barker>

### Nicola Dempsey, Sheffield GSF:

- Like Tom, I’m also involved in teaching at Sheffield Uni and MA dissertation students. Recent projects include ones on Miyawaki tree planting and also community engagement in ‘wilding’ parks and green spaces. Happy to share.

### Paul Ely, Parks Community UK:

- Hi Tom and Nicola (and anyone else interested), I'd be interested in having a chat with you both about how NFPGS might better support groups and Forums through the commissioning and dissemination of research.

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- @paul ely, ParksCommunityuk I would like to join that conversation too please.

Michelle - Green Tides (Adur and Worthing):

- Here are the policy recommendations we already hold:  
[https://parkscommunity.org.uk/how\\_to\\_guide/useful-policy-documents-for-friends-groups/](https://parkscommunity.org.uk/how_to_guide/useful-policy-documents-for-friends-groups/)

Tom Bliss - Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum:

- <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/parksaccessibilitysurvey/>

Len Bristol PF:

- Tom we have similar in Bristol - through Your Park Bristol and Bath.

Edinburgh - Sarah Tolley:

- That's brilliant. and concise.

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- Thanks Tom, we have a student starting on a parks accessibility project in January. Really useful to see the survey in Leeds.

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- We have Loughborough Architecture student researching communities in Brent above will be useful for a template to create our own access audits.

John - Luton Friends of Parks and Blue Spaces:

- RE - Local access forums. They have statutory rights re. advice to Councils on access issues of all types so good to partner with them. Also Rights of Way are driven by a statutory decline of all being mapped by Councils by Jan 2031.
- The other key partner is Blue Spaces and assisting the EA in flood resilience schemes using green spaces as flood storage areas.

Tom Bliss - Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum:

- May I suggest that we set up an email group for those interested in research - I will see if colleagues in Leeds would like to join. Then we could have a zoom or whatever? I'm [[[[...]]]]

Michelle - Green Tides (Adur and Worthing):

- Sounds like a sensible idea - I'm sure @Nigel Sharp - NWPFF can make an action 😊

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- great idea.
- [[[[...]]]]

Paul Ely, ParksCommunityuk:

- Thanks Tom. Mine is [[[[...]]]] . Chris, I have your address

Gordon Swann – Edinburgh GS Forum:

- My email is [[[[...]]]]

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- [[[[...]]]]

Anita Smith - Cardiff:

- [[[[...]]]] and [[[[...]]]] as Chairperson thanks.

John - Luton Friends of Parks and Blue Spaces:

- For Luton Green, blue spaces and Local access forum the email is [[[[...]]]]

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- We are preparing for Tree and hedgerow mapping with the Council Ecologist

Ean - Newcastle Parks Forum:

- Thanks Tom. Mine is [[[[...]]]]

John - Luton Friends of Parks and Blue Spaces:

- Linear parks are key for joining green/blue spaces with footpaths and rights of way so joining them together. The saving in congestion, pollution, flooding, ASB are key 'wins' in project funding. Across borders with other councils needs to be part of the Local Plan that we should contribute too.

Michael Taylor Brockwell Park/Lambeth:

- Thanks Tom [[[[...]]]]

Edinburgh - Sarah Tolley:

- [[[[...]]]] Sarah Tolley

Nigel Sharp - NWPFF:

- Thanks all for the e-mail updates and we'll be reviewing and revising our contacts list following today's meeting.

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- With support from the Council, we are doing a lot of converting litter picking groups to friends groups and it is working really well.

Alison Brown - Glasgow:

- [[[[...]]]] (Glasgow)

Sally Horsham Green Spaces:

- Would be great to see the charter.
- I find the sharing of national reports and research related to green spaces very helpful - so please continue.

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- Same in Brent ! Other depts. more influential

Cliff - Brighton & Hove Green Spaces Forum:

- Apologies but I have to leave the meeting now. Thanks for an informative AGM.

Len Bristol PF to Everyone:

- Anita I can share your concerns - similar here in Bristol - which is why we have had to concentrate on planning, policies, plans and politics..... plus governance you mentioned.....we have many groups who aren't traditional organisations.

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- Brent same case. We are part of a Coalition now...orbiting around Trees in the borough and env.
- Friends of the Earth local and National are partners cycle campaign, Neighbourhood Forums Growers groups in schools.

Sally Horsham Green Spaces:

- Agree that enhancing the profile of Parks Departments, highlighting their best practice, could be a useful addition. My experience is that they appear reluctant to push themselves forwards and engage in the politics.

Shelly - Trafford to Everyone:

- We in Trafford set up our own forum as we found the council forum was not working for us and the council were not willing to change it. We now set the agenda and control the information between friends groups rather than the council - this is much better for us.

John - Luton Friends of Parks and Blue Spaces:

- Agree totally with Anita Smith of Cardiff re need to understand and learn matters associated with technical issues re S106, sharing knowledge and enhancing parks group via our input as a friends group. However partnership agreements and MOU's are rarely useful as our experiences in Luton suggest that little or no resources are available until one can see a cost saving for the Council, the police or enhance safety ie better lighting in parks and along footpaths.

Margaret Forbes-Hamilton - Torbay:

- Our groups are all self funded. One concern is the shrinking numbers of qualified professional gardeners available for employment by councils. The work that our voluntary groups do is vital to keeping Torbay looking great for locals and tourists alike.

*[discussion re. Council-Community agreements and volunteer charters...]*

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- Would be really interested to see more examples of these 'charters'

Michelle - Green Tides (Adur and Worthing):

- We were so close to having one for our volunteers, then a change of administration put everything on the back burner - that was two years ago...

Anita Smith - Cardiff:

- We involve ourselves actively with PACT meetings Partnerships and Community Together supported by the police.

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- BNG officer now in Brent Planning Dept. working with us when she has spare time...

Nicola Dempsey, Sheffield GSF:

- I'd agree with Tom re: BNG and echo what other people have said about understanding how locally and nationally we can be in the discussions about this and Nature Recovery...

Anita Smith - Cardiff:

- Totally agree on biodiversity net gain. We are trying to source Environment Fund off Welsh Water and Partner with Council on this

Len Bristol PF:

- Just to help on BNG - not all developments are covered by the Regulations.

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- We are on Police Boards locally in various wards...more needed to cover each ward.
- Replying to "Just to help on BNG ..."  
Number of flats and able to commit to 30 years upkeep protection.  
For BNG to be applicable. Parks feature....as some funds can be spent from dev. near to the parks....but only part of the equation.

John - Luton Friends of Parks and Blue Spaces:

- Please print out or at least list all these wonderful links, documents, suggestions please? Thx, must go now so thx to all for a very constructive meeting, regards John Mardle

Margaret Forbes-Hamilton - Torbay:

- I also sit on the Community Town Deal Board and the Torquay Neighbourhood Forum. The former has input on how £21million governemtn funding is spent in Torquay town centre. The latter we assess every planning application, and are statutory consultees, and check against the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan. We also have control of 25% of the CIL money from developments in the Torquay area.

Alison Brown - Glasgow:

- The Glasgow Forum's constitution has been updated and should be adopted at the AGM at the end of this month. The Forum's Aims are revised as follows:
  - (i) To partner Glasgow City Council in determining the policies and priorities of the management and development of Glasgow's Parks and Greenspaces,
  - (ii) To provide a skills information resource for all members of the Forum
  - (iii) To determine the operation of the Glasgow Parks and Greenspaces Forum
  - (iv) To liaise with other Parks Forums and related groups in the UK
  - (v) To represent the collective views of Glasgow's Friends of Parks and Greenspace Groups

Len Bristol PF:

- Sounds like trying to maintain realistic relationships with various organisations, groups, councils are critical in terms of affecting the way things are done at various levels?

Edinburgh - Sarah Tolley:

- Trees can be an obsession, and it's important to remind Councils of the importance of hedges!

Michelle - Green Tides (Adur and Worthing):

- Our council remains very siloed and does not recognise this - the entire local third sector is suffering.

Margaret Forbes-Hamilton - Torbay:

- There is a local food production project just started by the council to make use of small spaces. Hopefully this will bring more people together through gardening.

Chris Blythe - Birmingham:

- try this one: [[[...]]]

Edinburgh - Sarah Tolley:

- yes, food security is a real game changer

Tom Bliss - Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Forum:

- Our Food growing forum is Feed Leeds: <https://feedleeds.org/>

Alison Brown - Glasgow:

- Is it possible to access the webinar please?

Brent Parks Forum - Suzanne:

- Yes it is a webinar through the biodiversity Group London recorded.

Ean - Newcastle Parks Forum:

- Sorry, have to leave now. Many thanks for a good discussion.

Anita Smith - Cardiff:

- Thanks everyone. Lots to think about.

Sally Horsham Green Spaces:

- Thank you for all you are doing - it's all helpful.

Alison Brown - Glasgow:

- Hi, I'm so sorry, my pc speakers have died (shorted), and I'm unable to reconnect sound. The discussion was so interesting! I'm going to have to leave the meeting I'm afraid, but do look forward to keeping in touch with everyone and helping to get the Glasgow Forum off of the ground. Best wishes.

## Trustees Meeting – directly followed the AGM / General Meeting

**Present:** Dave Morris (Chair); Paul Ely; Shelly Quinton-Hulme (Treasurer & Vice Chair); Michelle Furtado (Networks); Nichola Dempsey; Nigel Sharp (Secretary). **Apologies:** Sarah Royal

Meeting review	
<p>All welcomed ND as a new Trustee and a great addition to provide a regional link to Yorkshire parks and green space communities.</p> <p>The attendance for the AGM was encouraging, involving new groups and new reps, and prompting a good level of participation and discussion. This feedback will help the continued review of NFPGS activity and future preparation of funding applications.</p> <p>Noted a need to review membership contacts and revise following feedback from the AGM and its promotion.</p> <p>Circulation of AGM minutes will provide an opportunity for follow up discussion with those unable to attend and to progress additional networking with new Area Groups.</p>	<p><b>DM/ NS/ MF</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
NFPGS Update	
<p>All agreed <b>themed working groups</b> could be useful to develop NFPGS activity and capacity, also providing a potential gateway to engage and involve new trustees.</p>	

