



DRAFT Minutes
CCF COUNCIL MEETING 2nd September 2008
FFI, Jupiter House, Station Rd

1. **Present:** Andrew Clarke, Chair; Rosie Trevelyan, Deputy Chair; Valerie Kapos, Secretary; Terri Young, UNEP-WCMC & ICRAN; Tristan Tyrrell, UNEP-WCMC;; Lizzie Wilder, FFI; Roz Almond, UNEP-WCMC; Charlotte Jourdain, UNEP-WCMC & CCF Carbon Offset project; Pamela Abbott, Natural England; Nigel Cooper, Diocese of Ely & Anglia Ruskin University
2. **Apologies:** Louise Bacon, Cambridgeshire Bird Club; Mark Eaton, RSPB; Peter Herkenrath, UNEP-WCMC & Cambridgeshire Bird Club; Sarah Moon, CCI Horizon Scanning; Guy Norton, Treasurer;; Bill Sutherland, Dept of Zoology.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved
4. **Matters arising**
5. **2009 Annual Symposium:** The 2009 Annual Symposium will be held at Murray Edwards, New Hall, where we have booked the Buckingham House lecture theatre and foyer and one break-out room. This will give us major improvements along many of the lines requested in feedback from previous symposia held at Girton, but it is more costly and registration costs will have to rise accordingly. Council agreed that a registration charge of £35 would be reasonable and likely to cover costs. There was further discussion of an application to the University's 2009 fund to support the Symposium and a possible evening speaker who would attract additional participants that might not otherwise attend the symposium. **Action:** Andrew Clarke to double check to see whether the booking at New Hall carries into the evening. Suggestions for such a speaker are welcome; possibilities discussed so far include Bob Watson, Jules Pretty, Pavan Sukhdev. The deadline for application to the 2009 fund is **22nd October**. Andrew Clarke also to draft a call for symposium papers and short presentations to be circulated to wider CCF.
6. **New CCF Chair needed:** Andrew Clarke reminded the Council that he would be retiring from BAS at the end of April and is likely to leave Cambridge soon after. Therefore, we need to identify a new Chair for CCF. A key part of the new Chair's brief will be to take forward strategically CCF's interactions with and role in the rapidly developing Cambridge Conservation Initiative. **Action:** suggestions of individuals who might be good for this role would be very welcome.
7. **Carbon offset project report:** Charlotte Jourdain reported on the progress and results of the study of carbon offsetting among CCF member organisations. There has been an impressive response rate, with all but two CCF member organisations responding to her survey. The results are intriguing. **Action:** A progress report will be included in the September newsletter and an executive summary of the final report will be circulated in October. A CCF discussion event in late October will address the findings in more detail and there will also be a presentation at the annual Symposium
8. **Upcoming & events:** At present, the only specifically planned CCF events are the October discussion meeting mentioned above and the Annual Symposium in November. It has been suggested that another themed symposium would be welcome given the success of this year's Agriculture symposium. Possible topics include carbon and water. Nigel Cooper advised the Council of a forthcoming 'conversation' to be held in early November, involving both conservationists and traditional economists, and addressing the

valuation of ecosystem services, and especially spiritual values. He requested suggestions of economists who might be willing to participate

- 9. *Financial Report and potential new mechanisms:*** CCF assets stand at something over £2000 (further detail not available because of the absence of the treasurer). In view of the various problems associated with the financial bureaucracy at Anglia, the Council agreed that the time has come for CCF to set up its own bank account. **Action:** Val to investigate this possibility once Guy has returned from the field and can deal with Anglia.
- 10. *Applications for new membership:*** An application from the Cambridge Preservation Society was approved. Further clarification was requested on the application from the Wicken Fen Ringing Group, on the grounds that Wicken Fen itself is already a member – it may be more appropriate for Ringing Group members to participate as Friends. **Action:** Val to notify CPS and to request clarification on Ringing Group status.
- 11. *Next Meeting:*** Tuesday December 9th at FFI