

17.00- 18.30, Tuesday 25 April 2017

Venue: Common Room, David Attenborough Building

Chair: Humphrey Crick

Present

Humphrey Crick	Chair (Natural England)	HC
Judith Schleicher	Deputy Chair (UoC Geography; WCMC)	
Roger Mitchell	Treasurer (ARCT; ARC-ESL; RSB; GO-AONB)	RM
Angelika von Heimendahl	Secretary (Cam Cattle)	
Josie Chambers	Membership Manager (UoC Geography)	
Sarah Ivory	CCF Communications Manager (WCMC)	
Paola Bruseghini	Social Media Manager (CUP)	
Keri Russell	CCF Twitter Manager (ARU)	
Hazel Thornton	Marine Group (consultant)	
Pamela Abbott	Women in Conservation Leadership Convener (WCMC)	
Marcelo de Lima	Connectivity Conservation Convener (WCMC)	
Thomas Starnes	GIS Convener (RSPB)	
Olivia Norfolk	Anglia Ruskin University	
Julia Mackenzie	Anglia Ruskin University	
Charles Turner	CVF	
Ali Johnston	BTO	
Pete Carey	Plant Sciences CU	
Barbara de Waard	Biodiversity Business	
Helen Temple	The Biodiversity Consultancy	
Kevin Hughes	British Antarctic Survey	

Louise Bacon	Cambridge Bird Group
Sharon Erzinclioğlu	Cambridge Mammal Group
Andrew Catherall	Cambridge University Nature Society
Charles Turner	Cam Valley Forum
Lucas Ruzowitzky	Citizen Zoo
Vince Lea	Countryside Restoration Trust
Monica Frisch	CNHS
Steve Allain	CPARC
Richard Barnes	Knysna Basin Project
Martin Lester	National Trust
Edward Darling	Redlist Revival
Jen Simonson	Shepreth Wildlife Park
Will Simonson	UoC Geography

Apologies

Juniper Kiss	CCF Events Manager (ARU)
Andrea Santangelo	CCF Communications
Sue Wells	CCF Marine Group Convener (consultant)
Francine Hughes	Anglia Ruskin University
Peter Pilbeam	Cambridge Mammal Group
Mark Nokkert	Cambs ACRE
Kirsten Bennett	Cambs ACRE
Nigel Cooper	Diocese of Ely/Anglia Ruskin University
Lizzie Duthie	Fauna and Flora International
Lydia Murphy	Fauna and Flora International
Kathy Wormold	Froglife
Helen Doran	Natural England
John Torlesse	Natural England

David Gowing	Open University
Teresa Mulliken	TRAFFIC
Erasmus zu Ermgassen	UoC Zoology

1. Introduction (HC)

Introduction from every member as well establishing voting eligibility (i.e. Representation of CCF Organisational Member)

2. Minutes of the Council Meeting from the 6th July 2016 (HC)

- Vote to approve the Minutes: Approved nem. con.
- Matters arising – there were two action points relating to defining the geographical area for CCF membership, membership criteria and CCF goals. These have been deferred until the committee has completed its programme of meeting the membership and will be changed and presented at the next meeting

3. Treasurer's Report (RM)

Current balance is £3100 (20.04.2017), which is a slight increase since July 2016 at £2838. Small surpluses from its main events has allowed the balance to rise (£76 from the Christmas Party; £851 from the January Symposium). Approximately balanced by equivalent costs for internet (£651), refreshments and social events (£375). Dr Peter Brotherton (Natural England) very kindly donated his payment (£315) from teaching on the MPhil in Conservation Leadership to CCF and the CCI kindly subsidized the out of office cost of the reception for the Christmas Party.

Vote to approve the Accounts: Approved nem. con.

4. Organisational Membership

4.1 The following new members were approved by vote (nem. con.):

- Biodiversity Business
- Citizen Zoo
- Cambridge University Nature Society
- Redlist Revival
- Wildlife Conservation Society

The applications by Cambridge Hub and Cambridge Centre for the Environment were deferred, pending request for further information.

4.2 The following members have resigned:

- Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
- Natura International
- Pjelements (consultancy)

5. Committee Membership

5.1. Executive Committee - Currently the executive committee comprises 3 members: the chair, vice-Chair and Treasurer. It was proposed that this be expanded to include Hon Secretary, the Membership Secretary and the Events Manager to help. This was agreed by the council, but it was recognised that the CCF constitution will need to be amended to reflect this change. Due to resignations, a request was made for volunteers who might be interested in becoming part of the Social Meetings Committee and to become newsletter moderators. The newsletter and website will also enable members to upload events directly to reduce workload for the newsletter moderators

5.2. Working Groups

5.2.1. Two groups have been disbanded: the Climate Change group; the Knowledge Management group

5.2.2. Three groups have maintained an active participation:

- Marine group: 176 people on mailing list, events, lunch time talks, IWC

- Women in Conservation Leadership: Facebook page with 321 members, gender equality cake event on Women's Day reflecting gender pay gap, looking at TED Women in Conservation Event (grant application)

- Management and Restoration Group: Wandlebury: public access versus conservation, Portland Meadows: Access and water levels. GIS group is having monthly meetings again at the Eagle pub on Thursdays. Networking sessions and Skillsharing.

5.2.3. A new group has been formed – the Conservation Connectivity Group, under the leadership of Marcel de Lima and Andrew Plumtre, which had an initial planning meeting to gauge interest which was well attended and will go ahead with a programme of meetings and events. The group will share: success stories, tools, effectiveness, policies and hopes to establish a newsletter. The IUCN is willing to support the definition of areas of connective groups. The group will host the **Annual Summer Symposium on the 18/19 July**.

6. Relationship between CCF and CCI

HC described how over the over the past 9 months, CCF and CCI have been working very well together, maintaining good relations. The CCF Chair is a member of the CCI Council and has been able to contribute to the working of the CCI to ensure that the role of CCF is properly incorporated as a valued member of the CCI. CCI Board members have always shown strong support for the CCF and recognise the valued role that CCF plays in fostering knowledge exchange and networking opportunities with the much wider conservation community in the Cambridge area. CCI has been keen to ensure that it doesn't duplicate the role of CCF and, for example, recognises the excellent role that CCF's website and newsletter does for facilitating information exchange with the wider conservation community.

Usage of the 4 CCF hotdesks in the David Attenborough Building (DAB) has been increasing gradually and there have been a number of days on which all four have been in use simultaneously; however, the

level of usage remains relatively low, so we would encourage more CCF members to take advantage of these desks. The CCI library is available for use by CCF members using the DAB.

Progress on finding funding to support the proposed part-time administrator for the CCF has been very slow. The CCI fund-raiser has had relatively little time to put into supporting CCF officers, and then has recently left the post, which has yet to be re-filled. However, there is a new possibility that CCI might be able to obtain funding for a joint post that would work part-time for the CCI and part-time for CCF.

7. CCF Communications and meetings

Annual Symposium

The Annual Symposium was a great success. Around 80 delegates attended and discussed a wide variety of topics. We received good feedback from the delegates and the results from the breakout groups need to be discussed further.

Other events

A CVF/CCF Invasive Pennywort Workshop was held in January, which was well attended and provided a good forum for exchange of information and the development of planning to deal with this issue locally.

A number of social events were held, some of which have been better attended than others: the summer social in the Botanic gardens, a Hayley Wood Working Party in November and the Oliver Rackham Memorial Guided Walk in April, and the Christmas Party in December that included performances by the Cambridge Corncrakes.

CCF NEWSLETTER

Our weekly newsletter goes out to 1337 people, and our monthly newsletter goes out to 1965 people, which is fast approaching the 2000 maximum after which Mailchimp starts charging very high fees. We are growing at around 100 new subscribers a year.

The Twitter account is going well. As of 23. April 2017, we now have 622 followers, several of whom followed on the 21st whilst Earth Optimism was happening, or shortly after. We follow 676 so we are drawing level to followers/following.

Facebook page is very active.

8. Date of next CCF Council Meeting

TBA but in September 2017.

9. Any Other Business

Monica Frisch described the new initiative by the CNHS called NatHistCam – aiming to record all the biodiversity in Cambridge through citizen science approaches – and encouraging CCF members to contribute.

Planting of the wide entrance steps at the front of the building will go ahead soon

Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to ensure that the CCF continues to thrive in its various activities.

Many thanks to Cambridge on a Plate for providing high quality, locally sourced and ethically produced refreshments for this meeting and others by the CCF.