

**ANNEX 1**

**CCF COUNCIL MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Notes from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

<p><b>PRESENT</b>                  Roger Mitchell (ARCT, ARC-ESL, NC) David Noble (BTO), Edward Darling (Redlist Revival), Helen Dye (St Ives EcoAction), Olivia Norfolk (ARU), Judith Schleicher, Kathy Gill, Humphrey Crick (NE), Julia Grosse, Kit Stoner (BCT), Martin Evans (Cambs Geo Soc), Peter Pilbeam (Cambs Mammal Group), Louise Bacon (Cambs Bird Group), Kevin Hughes (BAS), Steven Allain (CPRAG), April Bagwill (WCS), Alec Christie (Zoology), Jessica Betts (FFI), Nigel Cooper (Diocese of Ely), Katy Scholfield (Synchronicity Earth), Rebecca Willers (Shepreth), Amelia Cook (Shepreth), J. Paul Schofield (Cambs Beekeepers Assoc), Jeremy Lindsell (A Rocha), Barbara de Waard (Biodiversity Business), Sue Wells, Molly Robertson (UNEP WCMC), Mark Nokkert (Cambs ACRE), Simon Furnell (The Biodiversity Consultancy), Abby Burrage (Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine), Rhiannon Niven (RSPB), Stephen Tomkinson (CVF), Karen Hornigold (Woodland Trust), Kathy Wormald (Froglife), Vince Lea (CRT)</p> <p>Council expressed deep sadness that their friend and colleague Keith Virgo had died of Covid whilst in hospital following an operation.</p>	
ITEMS	ACTIONS
<p>1. <b>Carbon offsetting note.</b> Amelia Cooke from Shepreth wildlife Park was thanked for an especially useful note of carbon offsetting which we will also post on the CCF website.</p>	<p>ACTION: Julia Grosse to put on website</p>
<p>2. <b>CCI local focus.</b> CCI may take a more local focus in some of its activities. CCF already has a good local focus through its membership but would also continue to serve the interests of its more national and internationally focussed members.</p>	<p>Council noted that: a more ‘local’ focus is now written into the CCI Strategy and Julia et al are pulling together a grant application to action part of this.</p>
<p>3. <b>EDI policy.</b> CCF will be producing an ‘equality, diversity and inclusiveness policy’ based on sectoral guidance from Wildlife and Countryside Link.</p>	<p>ACTION: Hilary Conlan to progress</p>
<p>4. <b>New Organisational Members.</b> Council welcomed as new organisational members: Cambridgeshire Geological Society, Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Change Engagement, Cambridgeshire Beekeepers Association and St Ives EcoAction Group.</p>	<p>ACTION: Julia Grosse to ensure details are on website</p>
<p>5. <b>Committee Membership.</b>                  (i) Humphrey Crick has resigned as Treasurer                  (ii) Council also welcomed and endorsed Kathy Gill as a member of the CCF Committee.                  (iii) According to the present constitution, the CCF Committee consists of the following officers: Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Council Secretary, Membership Co-ordinator,</p>	<p>(i) Council thanked him for his input to CCF, including his four years as Chair.                  (ii) Council approved.                  (iii) ACTION: In due course we may need to identify/recruit a Treasurer, a Communications Manager (though Julia effectively</p>

<p>Communications Manager, Social Co-ordinator and Web Manager. The Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer comprise the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>fills this role), a Social Coordinator and a Web Manager (though Julia performs this role too). Council also noted: that the present Committee are serving as an interim committee until CCF becomes a CIO – then at the first AGM of the CIO all will resign and new elections will be held.</p>
<p><b>6. Acting Treasurer’s (Roger Mitchell) Report</b></p> <p>(i) CCF’s bank balance was decreasing due to their being no income from events such as Symposia. However, CCI were holding some funds for CCF to support Julia Grosse’s CCF Public Engagement work.</p> <p>(ii) Payments had now been made to ACES Mangrove Project and The Great Fen to offset the carbon used in holding the CC Rewilding Conference.</p>	<p>(i) Council approved that CCF should stay with the Coop Bank for now. Although it is reported that the Coop Bank Branch has closed in Cambridge, Coop banking is still possible through many Post Offices.</p> <p>(ii) Council approved that CCF should routinely offset carbon from live meetings by including the cost in any ‘ticket’ price.</p>
<p><b>7. CCF Symposia.</b> Three CCF Symposia are proposed for this year: Lessons from Lockdown – Olivia Norfolk organising; Lawton+11 – Humphrey Crick organising; and Cambridgeshire One World – Edward Darling organising.</p>	<p>Council noted and approved</p>
<p><b>8. CCF Groups.</b> The CCF Group on Women in Conservation Leadership Network is continuing to grow and, despite COVID-19, the Marine Group has also remained active. However, COVID-19 again meant there had been no field visits by the Management and Restoration Group.</p>	<p>Council noted.</p>
<p><b>9. New Organisational Status.</b> Drafts and plans for the new Constitution, the new Business Plan/Strategy and their input to the application to the Charity Commission to obtain charitable status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Full draft Constitution to be brought to next Council Meeting for final approval for submission with application to the Charity Commission for CIO status.</p>
<p><b>10. AOB</b> At the end of the meeting Council discussed a range of issues around the contribution of green space to health and well-being and CCF’s part in this.</p>	
<p><b>11. Next Council Meeting</b></p>	<p>Probably June 2021</p>