

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

The terms of the following Officers expire at the end of 2016: Treasurer, Editors of Field Bryology, Education Officer, Recorder for Liverworts, and Website Editor. The current holder of the post of Website Editor has served for 10 years, the normal limit of tenure. The present incumbents of the other offices are eligible for re-election.

There are two vacancies for Elected Members, each to serve for a period of 3 years.

Members are invited to submit nominations for Officers and Elected Members of Council, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Dr R.H. Carter, 6 Church View, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 7LJ, (Carter.RH@gmail.com) to arrive no later than 10th August 2016. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. Elections will be held at the AGM in Manchester on 10th September 2016.

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, March 2016

Armchair bryologists at work in the Cambridge area: Spotted during the last of this season's Cambridge moss excursions, with thanks to Robin Stevenson for sending in this new VC record.



Annual General Meeting 2016

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 10th September 2016 at Manchester Museum. The agenda will comprise the standard business: namely, Minutes of the 2015 AGM, the Annual Report of the Trustees for 2015, Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 2015, the President's report from Council, the election of Officers and Elected Members (see separate notice), the place and date of the 2017 AGM, and any other business.

The full agenda, minutes and reports are in the booklet enclosed with this issue of *Field Bryology* (vol. 115).

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, March 2016

Council Newsletter no. 32: as given to the 2015 AGM at the Preston Montford Field Centre, 5 September 2015

The major event of the year for the BBS was the publication of the new atlas, the culmination of years of work by the Atlas team –Tom Blockeel, Sam Bosanquet Mark Hill, and Chris Preston.

There has been another successful year of field meetings, both national and local. Michael Luth ran a very enjoyable meeting in Freiburg in warm early April sunshine and Keith Watson led a predictably cooler meeting in the wilds of Renfrewshire, an eye-opener for me despite the fact that it is on my doorstep. Then we had a week of glorious sunshine for Sam Bosanquet's week in Snowdonia, gathering lots of useful records including at least one species new to Wales. The weather was reasonably kind on Eigg also (except for the 10 minutes as we got off the ferry), so the island was given a good doing and David Long also managed to arrange the meeting to coincide with a memorable island ceilidh on the last night – which I missed.

These days, lots of photos are taken of these field meetings and some of them make their way onto the BBS Facebook page. I confess I am not quite sure how this happens but it is certainly

worth having a look. This site now seems to be entitled BBS Education (perhaps it was always called this and I didn't notice!). As this site is probably a first point of contact for many people it probably needs more formal recognition by the society, hopefully without putting a dead hand on it.

One of our other portals, the *Journal of Bryology*, has had a trying year, or rather our Editor, Liz Kungu, has had a trying year dealing with recalcitrant typesetters and Maney's obfuscations. This has meant a huge amount of unnecessary work for Liz and the low point was probably the printing of one issue with no colour images and subsequent issues will be delayed. Belatedly we have been told that these problems were a result of the takeover process as Maney's were gobbled up by the Taylor and Francis group and that from now on everything will be wonderful. Hopefully as wonderful as *Field Bryology*, which continues to be one of the best natural history society publications.

Housing the BBS library has been a recurring issue although it has been reasonably stable for

a few years here at Preston Montford, but not without a lot of work by Ken Adams (and Martin Godfrey). FSC has mooted the idea of a resource base for the learned societies, of which the BBS is one, this would provide a permanent home for the library and also a centre for meetings. The FSC is looking for funding for this idea; it would not involve any financial commitment by the society.

While on the topic of books, another recurring problem has been libraries of BBS members that have been left to the society. On the face of it this can be valuable to the society, occasionally adding wanted books to the library but usually involving disposal of most of the books in a sale, like the one here this weekend. This process does not happen by itself and it can involve a considerable amount of work and initial expense, not least in picking up the books and then getting them to the point of sale. We may need to consider how we deal with such offers in the future.

As well as the library we also have a lot of digital material ranging from photos to the Field Guide pdfs which should probably be gathered together somewhere on a hard drive but also archived remotely. There are platforms for this, the one that I have used is Dropbox, but that should not imply that I know much about it as I only use it for file-sharing. Any digital archive needs to be accessible to members and herein lies the problem, arranging the “gatekeeping”. Early in the year, we had a request from a Danish bryologist for permission to release a very large pdf he had created of all the Field Guide pages, to be used on a smart phone or tablet. We said “no, please don’t” because of copyright issues but I suspect that it is “out there” already. However, we do need to consider what we might want to do in the future as regards identification apps for phones and tablets. Anyone out there with any experience of this process, do get in touch please!

Gordon Rothero, BBS President

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