

## Evesham Bat Care

Minutes of AGM held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 11am

Present: DM, AW, MY, IH, NB and invited guest PH

### Welcome

Everyone was welcomed and Phoenix Hughes introduced as interested person who has already been creating and managing the Instagram account for EBC and making enquiries as to places for terracycle bins to be placed.

### Phoenix

They had expressed an interest in becoming the recycling officer for EBC and had completed the required forms for submission to the charities commission. A vote was held and they were unanimously elected onto the trustees board.

\*please see note about 13<sup>th</sup> May

### Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues were reported.

DM is to circulate the latest safeguarding documentation from the charities commission to everyone.

### Review of 2022 and Aims for 2023

The year was busy with bat pups and employed consultancy work for AW & MY but the gang had 79 bats in care

Bat walks were held but not as many as in previous years. New connections were formed with Beckford Nature Reserve and a bat box scheme is being established in early 2023 with a walk in the summer. We agreed the only public event we would attend would be Hinton Summer Fete as Vale Wildlife's open day was too expensive and relations strained.

NB had been running a monthly scratchcard online to raise funds for EBC which had been very successful.

As a minimum in 2023, we shall hold two bats walks for International Bat Weekend in August in Evesham and Pershore. We shall also hold one at Beckford Nature Reserve and Aldington.

We have been approached by Broadway Newsletter for an article and potential bat walk too.

We really need to get more drivers around the Cheltenham area now that Jodie and Rob have moved.

### Training Needs

Each trustee is to have a copy of the FSC Bat Guide

We need to source more ambulance drivers around Cheltenham and also Shipston areas.

### Officer Reports

AW – is writing nature-based articles for the Alderton village newsletter encouraging people to save their stamps and terracycle for us.

IH – nothing to report

NB – has arranged two quiz nights for us at the pub in Elmley Castle on 11<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> November

DM – will contact Severn Trent Water about their free trees offer for landowners.

PH – has bins in Evesham Abbey Trust, Hampton Farm Shop and Squab storage

MY – 1. TSB is closing the Evesham branch, we can still use the account via the post office.

2. Frances and Rob Alner, both carers have offered to help with the website so have requested access.
3. After the issues in previous years it was debated whether we wish to do the Round Table Sleigh Night in 2023. All agreed no.

The meeting ended at 11.40am

Due to personal issues, this report was not submitted to the charities commission as promptly as desired. However, with hindsight, this was a benefit.

Emergency Trustees Meeting Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 9.30am

Present: DM, AW, MY, IH, NB and invited guest Mark Young.

At the end of April, an accusation was made on Facebook towards PH stating they were involved in a public dispute regarding the nature of personal financial transaction (£400) with a vulnerable adult. Their recent behaviour over another situation wherein they had reported different information to different individuals within EBC also raised concerns over their honesty and trustworthiness at the time. However, matters involving money could reflect very badly upon the charity. There was also a safeguarding concern regarding their mental health.

A vote was held and unanimously it was felt that they were not fit to hold a trustees position on behalf of EBC and so the paperwork they had previously completed was not to be submitted to the charities commission and was to be shredded.

Very late the night before on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, an email from PH to MY had been sent stating that PH wished to resign their trustees position within EBC as their mental health status did not render them capable of regular contact with shops and people or the collecting of the terracycle bin contents.

Their resignation was accepted by all the trustees present.

In light of all events and stated issues, we requested the password to the EBC Instagram account, a full list of where terracycle receptacles were and also the return of the polo shirt so that they could not be seen to represent EBC.

*Signed as a true record*

*Myron*

*Bonner*

*X Woodman*

*Alice Myers*

*John*

01/04/22 → 31/03/23

	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
INCOME TOTAL	79.26	73.47	183.37	63.00	254.88	63.00	68.00	466.89	114.00	288.38	191.53	23.00
DONATIONS	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	23.00	23.00	63.00	23.00
STAMPS									60.00		86.89	
EE / AMAZON / PAYPAL	16.26	10.47	61.37		91.88			78.89		15.38	41.64	
TERRACycle			59.00						31.00			
ROUND TABLE										250.00		
BAT WALKS					100.00							
FUNDRAISING EVENTS							5.00	325.00				
YEAR END TOTAL												1868.78

EXPENSES TOTAL	632.22	31.80	7.33	79.66	64.07	180.00	0.00	5.95	0.00	70.35	0.00	15.58
EQUIPMENT	24.99			40.01	64.07					62.85		
MEALWORMS	7.33		7.33	39.65						7.50		15.58
FLIGHT CAGE / VETS												
SUNDRIES	99.90	31.80						5.95				
CONFERENCE/EVENTS	500.00					180.00						
YEAR END TOTAL												1086.96

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