



## Notes of the Friends of Carrington Moss Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Attendees Continued:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Jill Axford	Jane Leicester	Karen Worsley
Barbara Blaber	Mary Lennon	
Jan Bradburn	June Mabon	
Anna Chopping	Kay Meredith	
Judie Collins	Carol Mounfield	
Leslie Cupitt	Laura Nash	
Geoff Densham	Marj Powner	
Lorraine Eagling	David Reeves	
Stephen Farndon	Tony Shearwood	
Stuart Fraser	Jackie Smethurst	
Martin Hampar	Roger Smethurst	
Julie Hay	Charlotte Starkey	
Valerie Hughes	James Walsh	
Sarah Jones	John Westbrook	
Ruth Julian		

A Webex Poll was conducted as attendees were joining the online forum. The poll asked participants if they had visited Carrington Moss in the past week, how they had travelled, whether they had seen any flora or fauna and whether they had recorded their sightings. The resulting information was used in discussions with the first speaker.

### **Presentation 1– Recording Wildlife on Carrington Moss** **Stuart Robinson, Environmental Records Officer at Greater Manchester’s Local Records Centre (GMLRC), which is part of the GM Ecology Unit**

Stuart covered the importance of recording all bird and wildlife sightings, he provided details of the records held by the GMLRC pertaining to Carrington Moss and some insights into the protected species found on Carrington Moss.

### **Presentation 2 – Birdlife on Carrington Moss** **James Walsh, (aka The Mancunian Birder) ecologist, author and bird watcher.**

James talked in a little more detail about the bird species on Carrington Moss. He shared a number of links to videos and blogs (the links are embedded in the AGM slide pack). James also mentioned Greater Manchester’s (virtual) Green Summit, which, this year, will be running from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Stuart and James responded to a number of questions from participants about a wide variety of issues. It was confirmed that FOCM will be hosting further public (virtual) meetings and outdoor recording events (when safe to do so) in the near future.

In addition, to support our aim to promote the ecology, the habitats and the wildlife on Carrington Moss, FOCM launched a [short survey](#) to provide local residents with the opportunity to help select the species they think best represent Carrington Moss. Participants at the AGM were asked to start thinking about the **Carrington Moss Big Five**.



## Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were reviewed and approved (moved Anna Chopping, seconded Marj Powner)

## FOCM Annual Report (including Financial Report)

FOCM Committee members presented the Annual Report. They noted specifically their disappointment about the continued lack of early engagement of residents in planning activities. The presentation also focused on the Air Quality Monitoring and noted that 3 short videos have been added to the FOCM [website](#).

Participant, Ruth Julian, suggested the group connect with the North West Lung Centre at Wythenshawe (**Action: Chair**).

The FOCM accounts were adopted (moved by Marj Powner, seconded by Jan Bradburn).

The Treasurer also launched the FOCM 200 Club, details are on the [website](#).

## Election of Friends of Carrington Moss (FOCM) Committee

- Chair: Marj Powner proposed by Jackie Smethurst, seconded by Lorraine Eagling
- Treasurer: Barbara Blaber proposed by Marj Powner, seconded by Jan Bradburn
- Secretary: Anna Chopping proposed by Martin Hampar, seconded by Lorraine Eagling
- Other Committee Members proposed by Anna Chopping, seconded by Marj Powner:
  - Karen Worsley (Web Manager)
  - Lorraine Eagling (Schools Liaison)
  - Valerie Hughes (Community Engagement)
  - Mary Lennon (SME – Horseriders)
  - Charlotte Starkey (SME – Research)

## Other Business

Several items of other business were discussed, including:

- Feedback on the “Importance of Carrington Moss Survey”
- Update about the Carrington Parish Council/Friends of Carrington Moss “*Transport Strategy for Carrington*”
- Information about the FOCM “*Air Quality Workshop*”
- An update about the GMSF Final Consultation
- An update about the Government’s Consultations on Planning

Thanks were expressed to all for their continued support.

## Actions:

The following actions will be carried out by the FOCM Chair:

- All presentations to be hosted on the Friends of Carrington Moss [website](#).
- Residents will be reminded to record their sightings to help confirm just how important the area is to endangered and at-risk species
- Connect FOCM with the North West Lung Centre at Wythenshawe.