

**Manor Woods Valley Group**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Number 1**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7 pm**  
**at Zion Community Space**

Present : Committee members Martin Grant (MG), Peter Loy-Hancocks (PH), Cheryl Loy-Hancocks (CL), Davina Blake (DB), André Coutanche and 33 other attendees.

**Item**

**1. Introductions:**

Martin Grant (MG) opened the first meeting of the Manor Woods Valley Group (MWVG), welcomed everyone and introduced the committee members:

Chair – Martin Grant

Vice Chair and Ecological Adviser – Peter Loy-Hancocks

Treasurer – Davina Blake

Secretary – Cheryl Loy-Hancocks

Planning adviser - André Coutanche.

MG invited anyone who would like to play a role on the committee to let him know. He explained that, as a newly established group, elections to the positions of chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer would take place annually according to the constitution and that the first elections would be at the first Annual General Meeting in June 2020. He also explained that all committee meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend and that membership is free to anyone who supports the aims of the Group.

**2. Malago Valley Conservation Group and Manor Woods Valley:**

AC presented a brief overview of the history of the Malago Valley Conservation Group over the past 24 years including its milestones and major achievements.

**3. Manor Woods Valley Habitats:**

PH presented an overview of the various habitats within Manor Woods Valley with particular emphasis on the Wildflower Meadow.

**4. Benefits to Wildlife and People:**

MG spoke about the benefits of Manor Woods Valley for wildlife and people with particular emphasis on wildlife recovery, carbon capture and air pollution.

**5. Manor Woods Valley Group Constitution:**

MG distributed the MWVG Constitution to the attendees and went on to talk about the visions and aims of the Group.

## 6. Financial Report:

CL presented an overview of the Financial Statement of the Group.

### INCOME

Donations	£	146.08
Donation – Orchard donation (ring-fenced)	£	560.00
Donation - Malago Valley Conservation Group	£	200.00
	£	906.08

### EXPENDITURE

Printing leaflets/flyers (Launch Event)	£	55.61
Printing banners	£	46.08
	£	101.69
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>804.39</b>

## 7. Recent work and Future Plans:

PH and MG presented an overview of the habitat management activities which have taken place over the past few years and MG spoke about the future plans already in place for the Group.

## 8. Open Forum/Discussion/Questions/Ideas

Following the formal presentations from committee members, MG opened up the meeting to the floor for questions and discussion, and ideas. Post-it notes were available for recording suggestions, which were collected and collated. The following list, grouped in categories but in no particular order, of the verbal and written contributions will be discussed at the next meeting, prioritised and, if appropriate, incorporated into the Group's Management Plan.

### **Nature Conservation**

*Continue to improve habitats (Slow-worm project, orchard project, coppicing, etc.)*

*Plant trees*

*Reopen the Malago downstream of the Interceptor (re-establish its course)*

*Continue to support student nature conservation research studies*

### **Activities:**

*Re-establish Geocaching*

*Harvest and juice fruit*

*Run wildlife walks – e.g. owls, bats, fungi*

*Establish youth groups (including a youth gardening group)*

*Establish Young Rangers Group*

*Organise Treasure Hunts with small prizes (Booted-up Bristol used to do*

*this)*

*Manufacture Hazel goods (fencing etc.)*

*Plant Willow as a crop*

*Continue to run guided tours*

*Organise walks/talks on uses of plants & folklore*

*Organise a medicine plant event*

*Organise "Forest Bathing", Green Days events*

*Continue to support Forest of Avon Trust Wellbeing courses*

*Tackle fly-tipping and continue litter-picks*

**Infrastructure projects:**

*Establish a bridge or other crossing downstream of the dam*

*Rebuild/repair the Woodland Path*

*Re-establish the now silted-up Pond*

*Establish a children's playground*

**Funding:**

*Become a charity*

*Investigate the Co-op's and Sainsbury's Community Funds*

*Investigate funding from local businesses*

*Investigate Police Commissioner's community fund*

*Organise plant sale or swap*

*Organise a sponsored dog-walk*

*Use Community Payback*

**Community Relations:**

*Establish contact with Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Thomas Thompson*

*Take part in of Festival of Nature*

*Work with schools*

*Liaise with small-holders, allotment groups etc,*

**Communications:**

*Produce a calendar of activities and events with dates, times and meeting points*

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, 7pm at Zion Community Space, Bishopsworth Road.