

AGM 2018 – SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the last AGM we have again had twelve Committee meeting's. FC representative(s) have been at all of them and we are very grateful to FC for the continuing support.

FoTF have continued our involvement in the ongoing campaign to retain the PFE in public ownership, but the meetings are few are far between these days with many other issues for the government to concentrate on, never the less our thanks go to Alan and Anne for keeping the flag flying at every opportunity

Conservation Group – This last 12 months has seen an increase in the numbers attending and we have visited some new sites and. It is pleasing to see that we have attracted some younger (than most of us anyway) members,

As organiser, I'm most grateful to Neal & Rachel of the FC for their participation and support , and especially to our regular workers who turn up month after month eager to get working.

The Arboretum Group continues their fine work at Lynford, but more of that later.

The social media presence of Friends has increased yet again this year , and we are making more and more use of those channels of communication, but rest assured the twice yearly newsletter will continue to be published, although we have moved the publication dates slightly to what we feel is a better period for information to be included, and will still be printed by SPC, one of our Corporate members.

My job as secretary involves the sending out of many messages, and I'm indebted to Alan as membership office for the updated lists for contacts etc. on a regular basis – no mean feat with the advent of the GPDR regulations which of course affect us.

As we look forward to the centenary of the Commission, we are in a good place and long may it continue.

On that note I close my report and hand over.