

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the European Butterflies Group of Butterfly Conservation held on 1 December 2018 at 1.00 pm at Ibis Hotel, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham.

There was a total of 39 members present.

The Secretary welcomed members, introduced the Committee members present and explained the format for the day.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Nigel Peace, Martin Warren, Paul Kirkland, Bill Raymond and Jim Asher.
2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting had been previously posted on the EBG website. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Dudley Cheesman, seconded by Martin Davies and unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes. The Secretary advised the meeting that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM would be posted on the EBG website.
3. The Chairman welcomed members, explained and delivered his Report (summarised below).

The Chairman thanked Jude Lock and Mike Haigh for all of their work on the website some of which had been caused by the name change. He also thanked the members of the committee for their contributions to the work of EBG and was glad to report the success of their work on *Colias myrmidone* in Romania which was the subject of a recent paper and in Belarus which was surveyed both in 2017 and 2018. He also outlined some of the other survey projects that EBG was involved with.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a brief report on the state of the Branch finances and explained that he had been unable to include a balance sheet as there were a number of queries that he had raised with Lulworth which were as yet unexplained.

A copy of the Treasurer's report accompanies these minutes on the website.

Dudley Cheesman proposed adoption of the accounts which was seconded by Mike Prentice and passed nem con.

5. Committee re-elections

In accordance with BC rules one third of Branch Committee members are required to retire by seniority and be eligible for re-election. In addition, any members co-opted onto the Committee shall offer themselves for election at the following AGM. Accordingly, Martin Davies, Nick Greatorex-Davies and Anne Spencer stood down by rotation and all sought re-election. In addition, Dave Plowman who had been co-opted onto the Committee stood for election. The re-elections and election were proposed by Simon Spencer and seconded by Dudley Cheesman and approved unanimously by the meeting.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other formal business.

Following the formal AGM members were treated to 2 talks. The first was by Martin Davies entitled "How many butterfly species are there in the Western Palearctic?" After a refreshment and networking break Chris van Swaay and Irma Wynhoff from de Vlinderstichting (the Netherlands butterfly conservation organisation) gave a talk on "Towards more effective Butterfly Conservation in Europe" followed by a question and answer section.

The meeting finished at 16.50.