

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the European Butterflies Group of Butterfly Conservation held on 12 October 2019 at 1.30 pm at Ibis Hotel, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham.

There was a total of 36 members present.

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

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received Jim Asher, Dick Ashford, Maurice Avent, Andy Barker, Alan Bird, Sam Ellis, Marie-Christine Frost, Karen Goldie-Morrison, Mike and Mary Gwilliam, Jane Jones, Richard Smith and Barry and Anita Staley.
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting had been previously posted on the EBG website. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Simon Spencer, seconded by Martin Davies and unanimously approved. The Chairman advised the meeting that the Minutes of the 2019 AGM would be posted on the EBG website.
3. The Chairman delivered his report (see attached).
4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a brief report on the state of the Branch finances which showed a healthy bank balance partly because conservation activities in the year had been limited.

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

Dudley Cheesman proposed adoption of the accounts which was seconded by Roger Kemp 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. Accordingly, Marian Thomas, Mike Williams and Mike Prentice stood down by rotation and all sought re-election. The re-elections were proposed by Simon Spencer and seconded by Martin Davies 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 Wiemers entitled "European butterflies in the molecular age", giving an insight into DNA techniques with particular examples drawn from the Canary Islands and Madeira.

After a refreshment and networking break Roger Gibbons gave a talk on "Species you are unlikely to see in France - unless you know where to look"

The meeting finished at 17.05.

