



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 148<sup>th</sup> Session (2024). Held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at World Museum, Liverpool. The President in the Chair and 26 Members were present.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from David Poynton, Mike Coupe, Keith Argyle, Stella Shackel, Diana Arzuza buelvas, and Chloe Aldridge.

### **2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Steve Cross, seconded by Steve Holmes, and unanimously accepted.

### **3. Presidents report for 2023/24 (Steve Judd)**

Steve Judd (SJ) thanked everyone for attending and reported that the society has been saved and stabilised over the past few years, and this is possibly our largest meeting. SJ would like LCES to go into the future with the best of the old and the best of the new as a fully inclusive and supportive society that reflects today's entomologist. SJ announced he was stepping down as president having served since 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (5yrs 10 months) but plans to continue to serve on council as a Vice President.

### **4. Treasurer's report for 2022/23 (Marion Barlow)**

#### **Fixed Assets**

Library valuation on hold. Cabinets & Specimens to be transferred to World Museum Liverpool as per Council Meeting

#### **Scottish Widows Charity Account**

End of year interest 01.10.23 of 1.55% £5.54 total £3,159.04

#### **Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account**

##### *Donations*

Twenty-four donations this year from £5 to £14 – final sum £270.50

##### *Payments*

##### *Subscriptions £32*

We pay for three annual subscriptions BENHS - £24, Lancs, Cheshire Fauna - £3 & Buglife -£5

Total in current account of £5,525.53 which gives a surplus for the year of £238.50

A year end spreadsheet (**Appendix 1**) was shown on a screen to attendees, which provided a breakdown of income and expenditure.

## **5. Treasurer's report for 2023/24 (Marion Barlow)**

### **Fixed Assets**

Library, Cabinets & Specimens transferred to World Museum Liverpool as per Council Meeting

### **Scottish Widows Charity Account**

End of year interest 1st October, 2024 of 1.55% £49.10 total £3,208.14

### **Royal Bank of Scotland Current Account**

#### ***Donations***

Twenty-one donations this year from £5 to £14 – final sum £235.50

Payments

#### ***Subscriptions £27***

We pay for three annual subscriptions BENHS - £24, Lancs, Cheshire Fauna - £3 & Buglife - £5.

Buglife cheque has not been sent yet, this will be in 2024/2025 accounts.

Total in current account of £5,734.03 which gives a surplus for the year of £208.50

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Ian Wallace remarked that not only is the society pleased to subscribe to BENHS, LCFS & Buglife, but these organisations are also pleased that we are members.

## **6. Secretaries report for 2023/24 (Gary Hedges)**

Since the last AGM in April 2023, the society has adopted a new meetings format of two afternoon meetings per year in Liverpool open to all, following cessation of Winter meetings in Frodsham in 2020 and online meetings in 2022.

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the society held an afternoon meeting at World Museum, Liverpool where Pete Boardman presented the main talk, 'Live at the Fly Olympics', to an audience of c.30, with several new, non-members, having never attending an LCES meeting previously. 20 minutes talks were then given by Justine Patton and Ben Smart on Least Minor in Morecambe Bay and The Moths of Lancashire Publication respectively, followed by short contributions from the membership.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, the society held a Spring meeting at the Museum of Liverpool (NML strikes meant World Museum was temporarily closed) attended by c.25. Rescheduling and moving venues made the event more difficult to attend but there were still several new people to the society. There were two main talks given by Chloe Aldridge (Bees, Wasps and other invertebrates of Bickerton Hill) and Steve Garland (Entomological Recording at Hutton Roof, North Lancashire). Short contributions were given by Pete Brash, Roy Lowry, Tony Hunter, Ian Wallace and Gary Hedges.

Since the last AGM, the membership of the society has not only stabilised but has grown by 24 members and now totals 60. Membership continues to be free of charge.

With the continued support of the council, I will maintain the same format going forward, with another afternoon event to be organised for March 2025.

A PDF LCES membership form is now available to download from the [LCES page of the North West Invertebrates website](#)

## 7. Election of Officers and Council Members for 2024/25

- i) **President** – Council recommended Peter Brash (PB) as successor to SJ. PB introduced himself and gave a brief account of his background in entomology. Don Stenhouse proposed the appointment of PB as the new president and this was seconded by Tom Mawdsley. The proposal was unanimously accepted by members.
- ii) **Treasurer** – Marion Barlow (MB) stood for re-election. The proposal to re-elect MB was made by Richard Gallon and seconded by Angela Lidgett. The proposal was unanimously accepted by members.
- iii) **Secretary** – Gary Hedges (GH) stood for re-election. The proposal to re-elect GH was made by Clive Washington and seconded by Clive Washington. The proposal was unanimously accepted by members.
- iv) **New Council Members** – nobody put themselves forward for election to join the council.
- v) **Renewal of ordinary council members as a whole**  
Phil Brighton, Jon Delf, Harry Davies, Dave Edwards, Paul Hillyer, Dave Poynton  
Vice presidents (do not require a nomination): Ian Wallace, Steve Judd, Steve McWilliam

Steve Holmes proposed a thank you to all of council for their work and continued commitment

## 8. Scanning of LCES Archives

Council made a proposal to members to put £2000 towards digitalising the LCES archive, including whole drawers of the LCES collection. Clive Washington asked what the digital archive would be used for, citing that it would be wasted money if the archive was not used following digitalisation. Ian Wallace and SJ commented that important society history of society lies in the archive and it would also likely be used for research to in a publication marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2027. There were no objections from members to spending £2000 on the digitalisation but it was proposed and agreed that an initial overview would be provided by SJ to members, in the form of a 5-to-10-minute talk or a brief outline document about the contents of the archive and the priorities for scanning.

## 9. Motions proposed by members

None

## 10. Any other business

None

## AGM Closed at 13:30

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The AGM was followed by a series of talks as part of the Autumn 2024 bi-annual meeting where a further 12 attendees joined the meeting (38 total)

### Main Talks (30 mins each)

*Habitat preferences of the High Brown Fritillary* – Dr Julia Simons

*Kill or Conserve: The mosquito quandary* – Dr Thom Dallimore

### Short contributions

*Aepophilus bonnairei Marine Bug* – Steve Judd

*Parabolitobius species in Britain* – Don Stenhouse

*Bugs at Woolston Eyes No. 2 bed* – Phil Brighton

*My Entomology Journey* – Josh Boe

*New Species Additions Halton Area 2017-Present* - Dave Edwards

*Euophrys petrensis* – Peter Brash

*East Anglian Spider Highlights* – Richard Gallon

# Appendices

## Appendix 1

### Year End Spreadsheet

	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Library	15,724.36	16038.84		
Cabinets & Specimens	13,103.88	13401.57		
<b>SCOTTISH WIDOWS</b>				
Balance	3,129.12	3,134.66	3,159.04	3,208.14
<b>ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND</b>				
Donations	303.00	303.00	270.50	235.50
Total	303.00	303.00	270.50	235.50
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
post & stationary				
Meetings Expenses				
Subscriptions paid	27.00	22.00	32.00	27.00
Insurance	79.90	84.90		
Data Projector				
Speaker travel expenses				
Locker keys cut				
Prizes for photo comp	25.00			
Voice amplifier	39.99			
TOTAL	171.89	106.90	32.00	27.00
<b>Surplus/deficit for the year</b>	<b>131.11</b>	196.10	238.50	208.50
<b>balance brought forward</b>	<b>4,959.82</b>	5090.93	5,287.03	5,525.53
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>5,090.93</b>	5287.03	5,525.53	5,734.03