

Minutes of the BSBI Scotland Annual General Meeting
Chaired by Ian Strachan, Chair BSBI Committee for Scotland (CfS)
Saturday 2 November 2019
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

1. Welcome

Ian Strachan stated that everyone is welcome to attend the BSBI AGM and commenced the meeting by thanking all for their attendance.

2. Minutes of the BSBI Scottish AGM 2018

Minutes of the BSBI Scottish AGM 2018 required correction to the meeting date. Approval was then proposed by Steven Bungard and seconded by Ian Evans.

3. Committee for Scotland

Ron Youngman was proposed as a new member of the CfS by Martin Robinson; seconded by Liz Lavery.

Ian Strachan is due to retire as Chair as he has now been in post for 6 years. Lindsay McKinlay was proposed as the new Chair. Lindsay previously worked for National Trust for Scotland (NTS) and represented that organisation on the Committee for Scotland (CfS) before joining the committee as an ordinary member. Ian Strachan nominated, seconded by Liz Kungu.

4. Chair's report

- In his Chair's Report, Ian Strachan stated that a key role for the Committee is to support the Scottish Officer. Ian stated how lucky the BSBI in Scotland are to have Jim in post who has worked as hard as ever;
- See Ian's slides regarding the consultation on Scottish Forestry Strategy, and how data should be used to protect sites and species;
- Coul Links SSSI – BSBI did not participate but did support other organisations in objecting to the proposed development;
- With respect to projects following the 2020 Atlas, ideas are forthcoming, Ian Strachan and Liz Lavery are key information gatherers;
- Habitat map of Scotland – strongly recommended to scrutinise poster for BSBI input;
- Regarding outreach, it was acknowledged that Faith Anstey has made a great contribution;
- Regarding the quest for a Young Peoples' Representative - see poster – please speak to Ian or a committee member;
- Regarding VC Recorder vacancies, please speak to Jim;

5. Field meetings

The 2020 Annual Summer Meeting will take place in Melrose in July – more details to follow.

Please pass on any information regarding Field Meetings in 2020 to Aileen Meek for entry to the Yearbook.

6. Scottish Newsletter

Regarding the Scottish newsletter, thanks are due again to Angus Hannah. He would welcome further contributions to the next edition.

7. Date of the next AGM

On the day of the next Scottish Botanist Conference – date to be announced.

8. Any other business

Many thanks were due to Jim for organising the Conference; to the CfS, and to the members for contributing.