

**Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group Annual General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**Notes to accompany presentation**

<b>Slide no.</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1	Introduction slide – introduce the committee members and Zoe Channon the green spaces officer with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
2	Summarise presentation content. Suggest questions are addressed at the end unless anyone wants to clarify anything as we are presenting the material.
3	Explain that the minutes from the 2015 public meeting were published on the website shortly after last year’s meeting and all attendees were notified they were available to download. Similarly an update on the actions arising from last year’s meeting was provided in August 2015. A further update on the current status of actions is available at today’s meeting but we’ll be covering progress made since August 2015 as part of this presentation.
4	A reminder of the status of Fuzzy Drove.
5	A reminder of the purpose of Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group.
6	An overview of the achievements from the past year – there will be a slide for each category.
7	Planting achievements over the last year – where we have planted (reminder that everything has been done in consultation with residents who have boundaries with the areas we have worked in), how many saplings and of what species have been planted, good news that one of the local estates has donated us some wild bluebells and we have started to plant these in the hope that they will colonise in Fuzzy Drove.
8	We have undertaken a tree survey – with excellent support from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (guidance on what to survey and training to recognise tree diseases). We have surveyed 50 of the trees that are taller than 10m (only 6 left to do). Summarise key findings – positive news that no sign of ash dieback and all trees look healthy. Full details of the tree survey results are available on the display board at the back of the meeting (and will be published on the website when we have surveyed the remaining 6 trees).
9	We host and participate in various events through the year. In the past year we have hosted a mince pie event to thank our supporters for their support, run a well attended (25 participants) and well received (lots of positive feedback) treasure hunt for children at Easter and attended Kempshott festival to continue to raise awareness in the local community about our work.
10	Through our quarterly newsletter we have been campaigning to: reduce dog poo in Fuzzy Drove (with some success we think); educate people that fly-tipping of green waste is an offence and does not help the environment (again with some success – there seems to be less this year) and to help create a better hedgehog habitat in Fuzzy Drove by encouraging local residents to provide hedgehog access to their garden. Anecdotally we do seem to have more hedgehogs this year.

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11	One of objectives for the last year was to increase the number of people participating in our work – particularly working parties. We have had a number of new volunteers support us this year – both at working parties and at events. We've managed to spend a fantastic 511 volunteer hours on working parties, events and other admin associated with the group.
12	We publicise our work through a number of different media. Our quarterly newsletter which goes to everyone with a boundary (electronically or in hard copy) and is available via our website seems to be well received. We update our progress every month in the Kempshott Kourier. We have recently revamped our website.
13	Before moving on to our plans for the year ahead we want to say thank you to everyone who has made all our achievements in the last year possible. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council support our work in many different ways, our volunteers have made it all possible, we have had saplings and prizes for events donated by local supporters and businesses. Local residents are vigilant about what is happening in Fuzzy Drove and quick to tell us if there is anything happening they think we should be aware of. Many people provide words of encouragement – every working party has someone stop and tell us they think we are doing a good job.
14	An overview of the plans for the year ahead
15	Planting – where we plan to plant (following the same consultation approach as last year – residents with boundaries adjacent to our planned work will get a personal letter explaining what we are going to do and if they aren't content they can simply let us know). What we plan to plant. We hope to remove non-native species (with residents permission).
16	We don't need to have a big drive to recruit more volunteers for working parties – we are happy to grow organically. We would like more volunteers to support our events – so we will be having a bit of push on this. We will also be hoping that local residents will participate in the surveys we plan to do. Our other drive this year will be to get even more of the residents with boundaries actively interested in our work – we already have a lot of positive support but we would like eventually to have every resident with a boundary positively supporting our work.
17	We plan to undertake more surveys this year – as it is important to baseline what is in Fuzzy Drove so we can, in the future, measure the impact of increasing the plan diversity. We will be undertaking a full plant survey – capturing all the plant species that exist in Fuzzy Drove. We will also be linking to the RSPB Big Birdwatch to ask local residents to capture the bird life in their garden that is also supported by Fuzzy Drove. We will be capturing all the wildlife seen in Fuzzy Drove and finally we will be undertaking a proper scientific hedgehog survey.
18	We plan to continue to the same events and communications approaches as this year; but in addition we are investigating a Twitter account as we think this would potentially support both younger people becoming interested in Fuzzy Drove and provide a good mechanism for capturing wildlife sightings. We also plan to launch a children's newsletter – which will be downloadable from the website as part of commitment to get the next generation interested in Fuzzy Drove.

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19	The top-level detail of accounts (since Jan 2015 as we did not present accounts at the last public meeting). Further detail of the accounts can be obtained from our Treasurer at the end of the meeting if required. In addition to have had our accounts independently examined by a certified chartered accountant. She made 5 recommendations, all of which we are adopting. Further details of her recommendations can be obtained from the Treasurer at the end of the meeting if required.
20	Discussion – please ask any questions. The material presented today will be published on the website, as will the minutes of the meeting. Please fill in the contact form so we know who attended. We will be holding another public AGM this time next year – but we hope to see you at one of our events before then. Thank you for attending – please stay for refreshments and to chat!