

## REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING APRIL 2019

The 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on April 3rd 2019. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. Geoff welcomed three visitors to the meeting, Natalie and Peter Tyrrell and Lisa Shilton who were interested in becoming Trustees as three of the current Trustees were retiring. Tina Brown then gave her Conservation Warden's report and it was noted that the last planned work party had been cancelled as the birds had already started nesting and it was felt that work in the Reserve would have disturbed them. Although Tina is retiring from her role as Trustee she has agreed to stay on as Conservation Warden and the Trustees were very grateful that she had decided to do this. She is to prepare a three year plan for the next meeting. She reported that the benches in the Reserve needed checking to see if there were any signs of damage or wear and tear. The new throw ropes had been obtained. The pink primroses that were flowering had been dug up and planted on the lay-by on the A46. This was to prevent them hybridising with the native yellow ones on the Reserve. The cleared area on the South Bank will be monitored to see what plants grow there and then a decision made about planting or seeding the area to give nature a helping hand. The northern boundary hedge is growing well and any gaps can be filled in as necessary.

There was some discussion about raising awareness of the BNR on social media and our visitors expressed an interest in helping with this.

The annual Village Supper is being planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> May and it has been decided to have it in the Bredon Room at the Beckford Inn. Tickets are to go on sale and raffle prizes are needed. It was decided that the new Trustees would be installed at the next meeting and their enthusiasm and help was much appreciated. A walk round the Reserve is planned before the next meeting to assist Tina in developing the 3 year plan.