**Report by the Chair and Committee**

**February 2021**

**Activities in 2020**:

1. The Council have applied for the LNR to be a **Green Flag Reserve.**
2. During the summer FOSB held its second photography competition, “T**he** **Beach in Summer”**. This was a great success, attracting over 60 high quality images across a range of age groups. We were very lucky to be helped by a Larry Bray, a professional photographer, who as head judge selected the twenty best images for the 'judges selection'. This portfolio of images included outright winners and highly commended images as well, and reflected what a wonderful place the beach and Local Nature Reserve are. It can be found on our website. It was a way to engage with our members and Friends and make some new friends, when the pandemic curtailed our usual public activities on the beach.  None of this would have been possible without a team of people helping with the competition and particular thanks must go to Stella Filmer for her time and expertise and to Larry.
3. A little removal of **Invasive species** was managed by groups of 6 or less when Covid rules allowed and also some  **Beach Cleans.**  Thanks to our volunteers.
4. The increasing of the numbers of **Yellow Horned Poppies** continued but only two plants have survived. This will continue.
5. Prompted by us the Council is now applying to get **Bylaws** for the LNR
6. FoSB have been involved in the protecting of the **Childing Pink** at Silver Sands and discussions about **truck removal of shingle** on the LNR.
7. A group connected to Green Tides is producing a map of **local walks** and are including the Shoreham Beach LNR.
8. We were pleased to receive so many “likes” for the posts on **Facebook** as we endeavoured to continue showing the beauty of the LNR and details of its unusual flora there and on the **web page.**

**FOSB Treasurers report by John Young**

During the year 2020 a small surplus of £39.51 was recorded. COVID severely limited our activities which in previous years have always generated new members. I had always hoped that membership numbers would exceed 100 but in my 12 years as Treasurer this has never been achieved. For this year the membership stood at 86. To boast our income, we are grateful to have received a contribution of £50 from TCV.

Expenditure has been reduced by insurance renewal being extended from October 2020 to January 2021 and TCV membership fee waived for 2020. The main event of the year was Tony’s photo competition and I would like to thank him for all his hard work in organising the event. With so many of our records now online it is sadly necessary to protect both Jacky’s and John Charlish’s data with full security and this cost represents around 40% of our expenditure.

As mentioned above I have been Treasurer for 12 years and membership secretary for a bit less and will not be standing for election again at the AGM. Luckily Barry Ward has volunteered to take over.

I would like to thank all the committee past and present for their good work and support during my time with special thanks to Jacky in keeping FOSB running smoothly and constantly moving it forward. I must not either forget to thank Joy whose enthusiasmand vision created FOSB.

Finally, I would like to wish Barry and Jim along with the rest of the committee all the best and let’s hope that more events can be organised in 2021 and beyond.

**Plans for 2021**

* We hope to have another photographic competition.
* We plan a meeting with a speaker as soon as the rules allow it.
* When Covid allows we plan to return to our usual events and to our usual activities.
* We would like to produce more educational activities for children on the website and a QR trail.