



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT                      October 2012  
FOD+AG was constituted February 2008

Successes

- A    Now formally a Volunteer Group to Bristol City Council  
     Area of influence confined to The Downs and the Avon Gorge Management Plan

Increasing recognition by the Downs Committee and other organisations as an influential group concerned with the enhancement and conservation of the Downs and Avon Gorge  
     example two sub groups

Formally involved in Green Flag, City in Bloom applications  
     Silver Jubilee event, Entente Floreale

Grants from three Neighbourhood Partnerships

Newsletter

- B    Formal Consultations  
     Bristol Water – new pipeline  
     Rapid Transport routes ( bus lanes )
- C    Monitoring  
     Butterfly transects  
     Botanical Garden limestone Grassland plot  
     Identifying gaps in tree formations  
     Zoo temporary parking  
     Downs parking and circulation  
     Goat Monitoring
- D    Education  
     talks including one on Bats  
     Visit to Botanic Gardens  
     Walks
- E    Maintenance  
     Litter Collections – as with parking and barbecues there are wider social problems, some of which are inappropriate anywhere
- F    Building/education project  
     Bridge over Bridge Valley Road

Yes successes BUT still to examine

- What is our/the vision of the future ?  
Proposal for Conference in the spring or autumn 2013
- Greater access for those less fortunate  
From other parts of Bristol ( cost, transport )  
Disabled  
The young (little knowledge of the Downs and Avon Gorge)  
July 14<sup>th</sup> first of many *Your Downs-Your Day*
- Examine the question of Heritage designation
- Design Guide for all the built elements.
- Establish additional criteria for all uses/users of the Downs and Avon Gorge  
( in addition to generating income ! )
- Web site
- Develop, with others a Cycling Code of Conduct

Our stated criteria remain -

to support users/uses which are compatible to the unique environment  
of the Downs and Avon Gorge and

be compatible to the other accepted uses/users of the Downs and Avon  
Gorge

recognise rights but only with the corresponding responsibilities

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