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Dear Colleagues

Board of Trustees

This week's catch up is slightly early due to the Board of Trustees meeting later this morning, but it's a good opportunity to thank those who make these things run well. It's Susan Appleyard's last board meeting. Her role in ensuring that everything is done properly and sent out in a timely manner has been vital to the smooth running of the governance of our charity. We all wish her well in her retirement. There is always a lot to read, so I'd also like to thank the Trustees who give up their own time to attend, and staff reps who ably represent you at these meetings. This is also Lizzie Chaplin-Brice's last meeting and I would like to thank her for all her efforts on your behalf.

Climate change and Public Health

Sir Patrick Vallance warned MPs this week that the world is about to be plunged into even deeper turmoil than it was during the Covid pandemic because of the impact of climate change. The government's chief scientific adviser gave an [emergency briefing to 70 parliamentarians](#) this week, warning of the dangers of the climate crisis and urging them to act. He was joined by Prof Stephen Belcher from the Met Office, Prof Emily Shuckburgh, from Cambridge Zero and Prof Gideon Henderson, the chief scientific adviser at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. He warned MPs: "We've had two and a half years of a global crisis in the form of a pandemic. We face 50 years of really big problems relating to climate, and the nature of that threat to countries around the world means that this has to be one of the things that has to be on every government's agenda. There is no way we can pretend it isn't happening." While the scientists made no political recommendations, as they were there simply to present the science, they told MPs that action is needed now to stop the worst effects of the climate emergency. Watch this space.

Email Signatures

A little while ago I commented that there are numerous opportunities for self-expression at FSC but that email signatures are not one of them. Please don't add your own signature blocks to sit over the top of the central managed one. Personalised signature blocks detract from a good clean look and the recipient can end up with a sprawling message full of links. Simple messages about your working hours are fine and in addition, the Equality and Diversity Group have suggested that some may like to indicate gender preferences if you would like to do so.

Welcome to FSC:

Brian Thirtle, Maintenance Officer at FSC Slapton Ley

Evangeline Bevans has joined Head Office as our new Natural History Learning Development Officer

Jack Berners has joined FSC Juniper Hall as Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Stay safe and keep well

Mark