

Generating planetary health

FRIENDS OF

BOGGART HOLE CLOUGH

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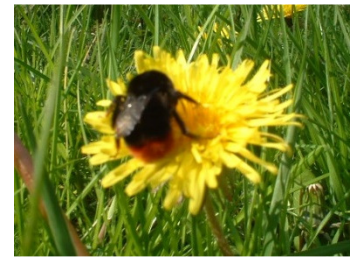
https://www.boggart.org.uk

Friends of Boggart Hole Clough (FoBHC), before 2015 named Boggart Hole Clough Community Action Trust, was founded in 2000. FoBHC works with, among others, Manchester City Council, landowner of Boggart Hole Clough & most of adjacent Bailey's Wood.

Thinking globally - acting locally, a local community initiative proposing the North Manchester Ancient Woodlands Discovery Centre / the Boggart Hole Clough Biodiversity Health Centre, starting a

# Biodiversity Health Service

## working for the welfare of people & wildlife



“Biodiversity encompasses the whole variety of life on Earth”  
Greater Manchester Ecology Unit website (11.1.2019).

“.. a healthy biosphere is recognized as a precondition for human health .. linking human health to the underlying integrity of Earth’s natural systems .. protecting Planetary Health .. Health is a state of complete physical, mental & social well-being & not merely the absence of disease or infirmity ..”

The Convention on Biological Diversity & World Health Organization -  
*Connecting global priorities: Biodiversity & Human Health - a state of knowledge review* (2015), pages xi, xii -  
<https://www.cbd.int/health/SOK-biodiversity-en.pdf>

“.. an entire society, a nation, or all simultaneously existing societies taken together, are not the owners of the earth. They are simply its possessors, its beneficiaries, and have to bequeath it in an improved state to succeeding generations, as *boni patres familias* / good heads of the household”  
Karl Marx (1818-1883) & Frederick Engels (1820-1895) - socialists - authors *Das Kapital*.

“There are some things in the world we can’t change – gravity, entropy, the speed of light, and our biological nature that requires clean air, clean water, clean soil, clean energy and biodiversity for our health and well-being. Protecting the biosphere should be our highest priority or else we sicken and die. Other things, like capitalism, free enterprise, the economy, currency, the market, are not forces of nature, we invented them. They are not immutable and we can change them. It makes no sense to elevate economics above the biosphere”  
David Suzuki (born 1936) - environmentalist - author *The Sacred Balance - rediscovering our place in Nature*.

Four photos above, all taken in the Clough - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> by Paul McCrystal show Grey Heron on Island edge Willow (16.4.2008) & the Lakeside (27.7.2013); 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> by PFM show Musical Fairy Tale Play (6.9.2008) & Bumble Bee on Dandelion (24.4.2005).

This *Biodiversity Health Service* initiative / proposal will be discussed further in pages to follow.  
See also e.g. *Update re North Manchester Ancient Woodlands Discovery Centre proposal* (FoBHC, 28.5.2017) & *Boggart Hole Clough Biodiversity Health Centre proposal* (17.5.2019) PDFs on our website.