

Nominations to Serve on BANC Council 2007/8 (to 14-Sep-07)

Nominee – Graeme Duckworth

Proposer – Mathew Frith

Worked in IT in the City for 17 years until I came to my senses and studied for an MSc in Conservation at UCL in 2005-6. I'm BANC's webmaster and I've been a Council member for two years. I believe BANC has an honourable history and a worthwhile 'franchise' in conservation. I intend to help enhance BANC's products and profile, especially through the web site. I love bird-watching and wandering about in rainforest.

Nominee – Mathew Frith

Proposer – Graeme Duckworth

Mathew tripped into urban ecology after experimenting with various anti-musical groups during the 1980s. After working for London Ecology Unit, London Wildlife Trust and English Nature, he joined Peabody Trust in 2002 and is endeavouring to raise the profile of the natural environment within social housing. Mathew has keen interest in nature in towns and cities, and its relationship with modern society. He retains his love of the magpie.

Nominee – Fran Hitchinson

Proposer – Helen Meech

Working for the Woodland Trust I have a keen interest in woodlands and their ecology. I am also interested in the whole of conservation – how policy, practice and communication fit together. At the Trust I work with many teams including the fundraising and marketing teams. ECOS has been important in helping me form my opinions on conservation and I would like to help continue this tradition.

Nominee – Peter Massini

Proposer – Mathew Frith

Peter has served on BANC Council for several years, latterly as BANC's Secretary. He currently works for Natural England on policy and projects in the London region. Although he has a long-standing interest in urban nature conservation he lives in rural Sussex and has a particular interest in the philosophy of nature conservation and understanding the ways in which people connect with the natural environment.

Nominee – Diana Pound

Proposer – Peter Massini

A BANC member since 1981 and a Council member for two years, I wish to stand again to help BANC gain fresh momentum and increased membership. With a background in environmental science and landscape ecology and a 25-year career in natural resource management, I run my own consultancy to design and facilitate stakeholder dialogues that result in better management of the natural environment. I work mainly in the UK, but also Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Nominee – Ralph Underhill	Proposer – Pippa Langford
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Currently working as planning casework officer at the RSPB attempting to make developments less damaging to biodiversity. Knows more than any normal person should about the habitats regulations and is highly committed to conservation and the environmental agenda. Enthusiastic and committed to ensuring BANC remains relevant and continues to highlight interesting ideas.