The YE2022 accounts have been prepared by the Treasurer and independently examined by Paul Murray of LM Griffiths & Co. Ltd (23th January 2023) and are attached. This is in accordance with decisions at the last Winter council meeting and BSP AGM. The Council meeting members, as Trustees have been asked to approve these at the council meeting on 24 January 2023.

The AGM Members at the AGM are asked to approve:

1. Acceptance of the Prepared Accounts by members of BPS attending the AGM approve the accounts, then the YE2022 can be uploaded to CCW.

Updates:
MOU for Algaebase is in place and we have an annual liability of £3000, plus £35 associated bank costs. This agreement is in place from 1st September 2022 until July 2025. We encourage members to use this facility.

Account updates:
The BPS has three accounts with the Bank of Scotland:
i. A current account with online access that has been successfully used by the current treasurer to carry out the necessary payments.
ii. Another online account with a small balance in.
iii. A BoS Savings account. This BPS account has been in M Tobin’s name since she was Treasurer. The BPS Council has tried since then (2016) to get the signatory transferred to the next Treasurer(s). Many forms have been completed and sent to the bank. The account needed to be activated before any forms would be reviewed by the bank and BPS contact email have now been updated. The signatories have finally been transferred to Treasurer and new signatories for BoS have been approved and the account has now been activated after further checks. Statements are now being sent to Treasurer’s address (Essex). A complaint procedure enabled this to be finalised and the BPS were initially offered £150 once everything had been resolved, but due to further issues and delays this was increased to £500. This money was received into the account in the Autumn. Next step is to get this with online access.

Accounts Overview
BoS Current account: £ 81995.54 (Balance on 22.1.2023)
Bos Linked current account: £27.61 (Balance on 22.1.2023)
BPS BUS ac (Savings account) £ 38166.54 (Balance on 9.1.2023)
NSI Accounts: £ 98097.97 (Balance on 1.1.2022)
Total: £ 218,287.66 (Total on 22.1.2023)

Awards Allocated and other liabilities but money still in BoS Current account: £63,732.08
Money available after allocated money accounted for: £ 154,555.58. In additions there are some governance costs (amount to be determined).

End of report 22.1.2023