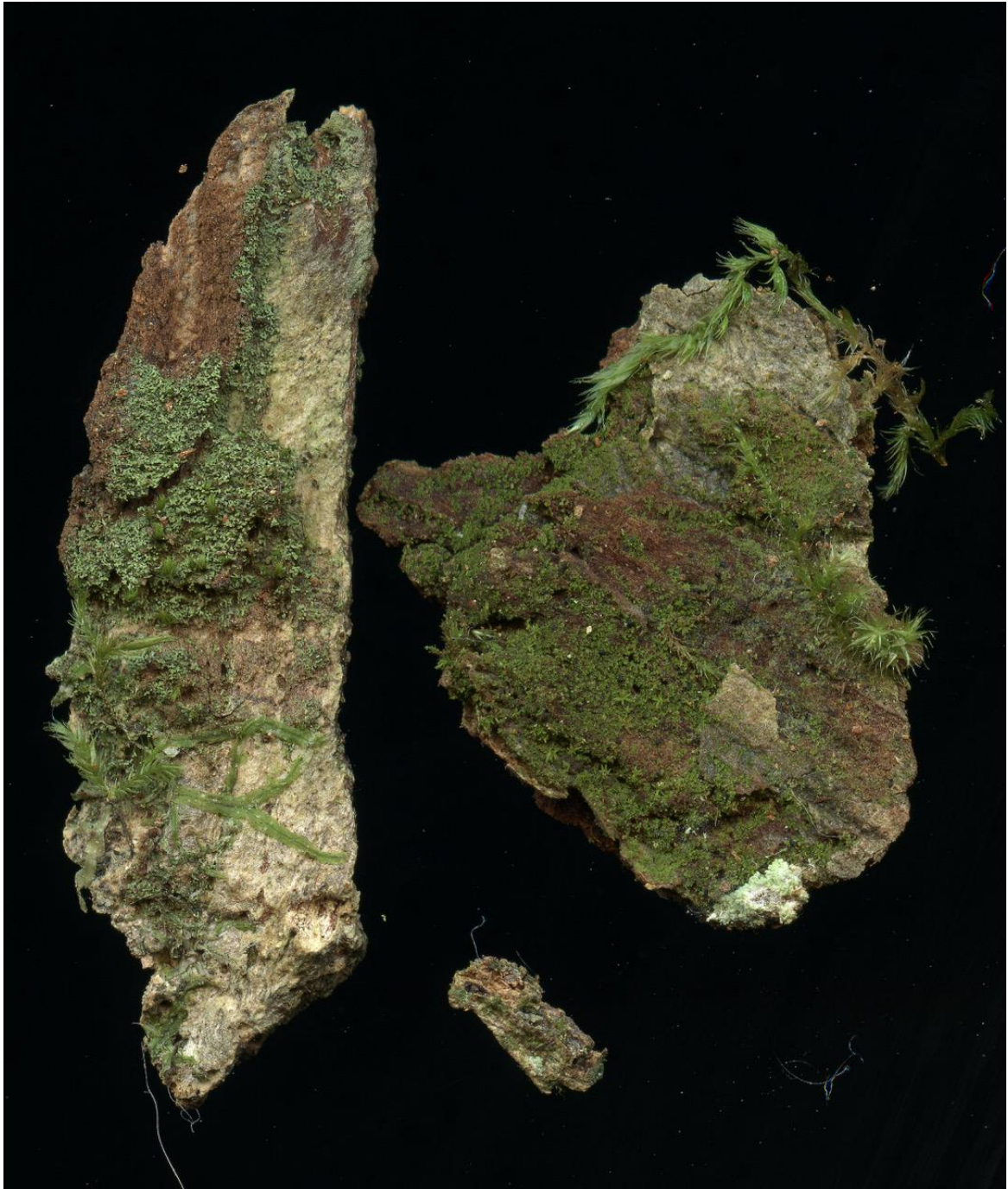


Information from Neil Sanderson, email of 11 Jan 2017

I just reread Lichenologist 44: 55-66 "A new *Agonimia* from Europe with a flabelliform thallus" [Link](#). The first time I read it I wondered if they were describing the well known coralloid squamulose form of *Agonimia allobata* described in the LGBI as having a thallus "composed of branched coralloid structures up to 0.18 mm long or more", which if I remember right Francis first noted this on the Isle of Wight, but the authors did not reference to this description. Reading again, I realise that *Agonimia flabelliformis* really does appear to refer to the coralloid form of *Agonimia allobata*. As the LGBI was including what is apparently *Agonimia flabelliformis* within the description of *Agonimia allobata*, I am wondering if the current records of *Agonimia allobata* should become *Agonimia allobata* s. lat. Not sure, I nearly always find both forms together and the non-coralloid form is commoner (but *Agonimia flabelliformis* is widespread at least in the south). We found both in a recent Wessex Lichen Group meeting in the New Forest to Coppice of Linwood Inclosure. It is a shame the taxa was not named as a form when Francis first noted it: we could have 2 decades or so of records of *Agonimia flabelliformis*, I can sort out some of mine but a lot of records are lost.

All the best

Neil



Scan of *Agonimia octospora* (left) & *Agonimia flabelliformis* (right)





*Agonimia octospora* same scale as *Agonimia flabelliformis* below





*Agonimia flabelliformis*? same scale as *Agonimia octospora* above