



**MINUTES of Executive Committee Meeting
1st December 2015, Crown Hotel, Colne**

1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes, Peter Smith (PS), Paul Clough (PC), Sue and David Penney (DP)
2. APOLOGIES: Jenni Clough
3. MINUTES of 22nd September 2015: accepted as a true and correct record.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - PC has acquired copies of Greenfield Mill entry in "The Textile Mills of Pendle and their Engines" by Geoff Shackleton published by Landmark Collector's Library.
 - PS has received £50 from Asda as one of nominated charities in Colne Store.
 - Colne in Bloom has received another gold award in NW Competition.
 - Woodland Trust has delivered about 100 saplings in 7 separate species tubs; PC will arrange a planting session.
 - Paul Rawson of 96 Greenfield Road will be invited to next meeting to show old photos and maps of Greenfield before LNR was established.
 - Entries for Parks/LNRs Photo Competition should be submitted by 1st March 2016.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- PS reported on development of "Pick up in Pendle" project. He has acquired posters/flyers & high visibility jackets, as well as purchased printer cartridges leaving a balance of £186.14 in the project fund out of £500 grant. The Council will provide bags and pickers to the project.
- FOG LNR funds stand at £377.80 + ASDA Donation of £50 = £427.80.

6. FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF LNRs:

PC reported back from Pendle LNR Steering Group Meeting of 7th October 2015:

- Lee Johnson from Parks Department is the Council contact for LNRs.
- PC will meet with Lee Johnson to review, revise and update the original Greenfield LNR Management Plan.

- Indications are that Pendle Environmental Action Group (PEAG) will be retained to support LNRs, in the next financial year, April 2016-March 2017. We may have to lobby the Council to include PEAG in the budget.
- Chris Binney, Tree Officer, is sharing his work time between Pendle (2 days) and Craven (3 days) Councils.

7. WORK PROGRAMME on LNR:

PC outlined work that needed to be done:

- Enhance the lower pond by the river to attract pond life;
- Explore the site of old Mill linking to the Pendle Archaeology Group;
- Strim along the bottom path to open up view of river;
- Dead hedging around the wood circle area;
- Clear the path along the river bank next to large pipe outside the boundary of the LNR (subject to finding out who owns the land);
- Clear dead trees and broken fencing along the woodland side of Greenfield Road and plant new trees and erect fencing;
- Paint the green metal cabin and renew/repair fencing along side the car park;
- Check whether Garden Centre development is going ahead & drainage from its planned car park is going to be pollution free as it is intended to go through the LNR into the river and whether we can restore the stone wall and ensure trees are planted to replace those cut down.

PC will explore in the New Year if we can have working parties on the LNR from the Princes Trust, Probation Service and River Ribble Trust Volunteers.

8. OTHER ACTIVITIES: Members are asked to bring ideas for activities on the LNR to the next meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- DP will tidy up Notice Board and put up to date information & contacts on it.
- It was agreed that DP will send copies of Minutes to 3 Waterside Ward Councillors (Dorothy Lord; Tony Greaves; Graham Roach) as well as Lee Johnson to keep them informed.
- DP will consider advertising for voluntary support on LNR through local papers and CVS Volunteer Bureau in the New Year, as we need a Secretary and other Volunteers to help with clean-ups, work on LNR and serve on the Committee.
- DP will provide PC with a digital copy of the LNR Management Plan

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.15pm in the Crown Hotel, Colne
