



AGM Minutes 19th April 2016
Crown Hotel, Colne

1. PRESENT: Sue Bryant Lauder; Sue Penney; Helen Holmes; Jenni Clough; Paul Clough; Lee Johnson; Paul Rawson; David Penney; Apologies: APOLOGIES: Peter Smith; Tom Sharples, Mike Pusey.
2. MINUTES of last AGM on 22nd April 2015 read verbally by the Chair were accepted.
3. Matters Arising:
 - Members asked after the welfare and well being of Annette Hawkins – her whereabouts could not be traced since her intended move to Cornwall in September 2015.
 - We were unsuccessful in our bid for 3rd grant from Awards for All.
 - Erika was planning to do a Flora and Fauna survey on LNR.
4. REPORTS from Volunteer Manager and Chair:
 - Paul said that the 2 floods, the worst on Boxing Day, had severely damaged the lower part of the Reserve including the lower path with lots of debris washed up on the banks.
 - The Council was still awaiting the Flood Grant from the Government, which would pay for the repair of damage.
 - Dead wood and broken barbed wire fencing along the road by the woodland had been cleared and new saplings planted with the help of the Good Life Project.
 - Damage to the Garden Centre site was discussed after the developer has pulled out of the project. We will monitor the situation to see if any more development proposals are planned for the site and what measures are taken to restore the site with trees and repair to dry stone wall.
5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS/FINANCIAL MATTERS:
 - Peter Smith tabled the Accounts for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016, showing a balance of £432.61.
 - £1,010 from PEN fund was being held for Greenfield LNR by Pendle BC.
 - Income of £81.51 was identified as coming from sale of items at Jenni's café in Nelson.
 - Remaining £161.14 from Aviva Fund for Pick Up For Pendle Project has been transferred to Peter's Account.
 - The meeting accepted the Annual Accounts.
 - Lee Johnson reported that Pendle BC has allocated £500 to each of the LNRs for the current financial year.
 - Peter is pursuing grants from the Plastic Bag Environmental Community Fund of the Supermarkets/Stores in Colne.
 - List of environmental grant funding bodies will be sent to Peter and Paul.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Chair: David Penney) Proposed en bloc by Sue Brant Lauder
- Secretary: Lee Johnson) Seconded by Helen Holmes
- Treasurer: Peter Smith) Agreed unanimously

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- All others present agreed to serve on Committee – proposed by David Penney and seconded by Lee Johnson.
- Others not present could be co-opted with their agreement.

8. FUTURE PRIORITIES & PLANS:

- Paul and Lee were reviewing the Management Plans for LNR, based on the Lancashire Wildlife Trust 2007 plan and for Woodland based on Paul’s 2011 Management Plan along with Pendle BC’s 2000 Woodland Schedule – these documents circulated to Paul Clough, Lee Johnson and Paul Rawson.
- Monthly Working Parties to be resumed, normally on 1st Saturday of each month, starting on 7th May from 10am–12 noon when the 2 wildflower plots will be tended along with any clear up of plastic rubbish left after the floods.
- Later, the Council will provide a skip for heavier flood items. Most metal objects have already been reclaimed by scrap merchants.
- When Pendle BC receives flood grant, Pendle Environmental Action Group will restore the damaged lower path by the river.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Lee announced that a new Park Keeper, Marcus, has been appointed and will have contact and links with Greenfield LNR.
- David is representing FOG LNR on the Pendle BC Consultation Group developing a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Local Plan.
- Lancashire Wild Life Trust is negotiating to take over the management and maintenance of 2 sites in Pendle, Wycoller Country Park and Quarry Hill, Nelson, which needs designation as a LNR, from the Lancashire County Council Countryside Service, which is facing massive cuts.

10. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

TUESDAY 19TH JULY 2016 AT 7.15PM

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After the meeting, Paul Rawson, a long standing resident of Greenfield, showed us some very interesting photos and slides of the area, before the LNR and Woodland were established, when it was a farm with pasture land between the old Grammar School and Colne Water. The area was dramatically changed with the later construction of M65 and Whitewalls dual carriage way, which involved the demolition of buildings at Barrowford Locks including the cotton bale wharf shed and the building of a new sewage pipe across the river alongside the new Whitewalls Drive. There was an abundance of wild life along the river, such as kingfishers, some of which were destroyed by minks which had escaped or had been released from a mink farm in Nelson.