



## **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Crown Hotel, Colne**

1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes, Paul Clough, Peter Smith, Paul Rawson, David Penney
2. APOLOGIES: Lee Johnson, Jenni Clough, Sue Penney
3. MINUTES of 19/04/2016 were not read out as they were those of the AGM
4. MATTERS ARISING for action from AGM Minutes:
  - a. 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 were circulated to Paul Clough, Lee Johnson and Paul Rawson.
  - b. Monthly Working Parties to be resumed, normally on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10am–12 noon when the 2 wildflower plots were tended along with any clear up of plastic rubbish left after the floods. There were further WPs on 4<sup>th</sup> June but the one on 1<sup>st</sup> July was cancelled due to bad weather. There was an extra one on 6<sup>th</sup> July organised with Ribble River Trust and volunteers from Capita in Sheffield as well Paul, Helen and Peter from FOG LNR. A lot of rubbish and balsam was cleared. Pond dipping also took place with 10 species noted including newts along with a family of wrens by the river and a cricket near the car park.
  - c. The Council will provide a skip for heavier flood items. Most metal objects have already been reclaimed by scrap merchants.
  - d. Pendle BC has not received flood grant monies from the Government. Lee will seek other funding so that Pendle Environmental Action Group can restore the damaged lower path by the river. If necessary, FOG LNR can make a contribution from its PEN Maintenance Fund held by Pendle BC
  - e. A new Park Keeper, Marcus, has been appointed and will have contact and links with Greenfield LNR and other LNRs. He has visited our LNR and accessed what needs to be done.

- f. David represented FOG LNR on the Pendle BC Consultation Group developing a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Local Plan and made some suggestions on the principles to be used in developing Strategy.
- g. 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 large cuts.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT: There have been no financial transactions since the last meeting, so the Bank Balance stands at £432.61 as well as access to PEN Funding of £1,010 for maintenance and possible payment for Habitat Survey by LWT. David will submit receipts for purchase of paint, keys and fret saw in due course.

6. WORK PROGRAMME:

- Paul and Helen will paint the metal shed green on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Paul and David will use the strimmer in the woodland and LNR
- Paul warned volunteers to look out for needles from drug users
- David will photo millstones in Colne Water on LNR and at Primet Bridge and contact Cole Fire brigade to see if they could raise the stones from the river as part of a training exercise. The Millstones could then be a feature at the entrances to the LNR as the site was a former corn mill
- David will put 2 Notices in the LNR Notice Board, one warning the public to avoid using the bottom path by the river and the second with up to date contact information.
- Rubbish from the floods on the river bank by the sewage pipe still need to be removed as well large items lodged in the river. Once this has been Taken to the car park, the Council will provide a skip to take it away.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- There was a wide ranging discussion on the Review of the LNR Management Plan, which Lee was undertaking. Suggestions from Paul Rawson and others would be submitted as part of the Review

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15 pm in the Crown Hotel, Colne**