

MINUTES

FOG LNR Executive Meeting Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne

- 1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes; Paul Clough; Paul Rawson; Peter Smith (Treasurer); David Penney (Chair and Minute Taker)
- 2. APOLOGIES: Lee Johnson
- 3. MINUTES of 10th October 2017 were accepted as a true record.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - Few Volunteers; appeal on Facebook.
 - Management Review deferred until late in the year; Paul will provide information & visual evidence for the Review.
 - Lanlee will provide all the wood we need for free; DP thanked firm with Xmas Card from FOG INR.
 - LJ is developing a Pendle BC tree charter and will incorporate some of principles from National Charter.
 - Farmer Begley planted woodland on his land by the canal (off Barrowford Road), probably under a Stewardship Scheme with a grant which would oblige him to manage it.
 - PBC will consult groups over its Green Infrastructure/ Biodiversity policies for Local Plan.
 - PBC has informed us that it will not be possible to purchase a brush cutter due to insurance and health & safety regulations.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Expenses: £10 for repair to Cutter
- Bank Balance: £2,318.00
- Grant Applications: Bid to Aviva not successful

6. WORK PROGRAMME:

- Project using the £2000 Tesco Bag Grant: PC is trying to get students from College involved to start project in early March; if this is not forthcoming, we will approach Burnley College, Good Life, Probation, Princes Trust, etc; in meantime, PC will draw up a list of items needed including bird boxes and use the bat boxes we already have stored on site; PR has offered to put metal grills on boxes to prevent squirrels from destroying them; DP has ordered 420 free saplings from Woodland Trust to be delivered in early March.
- PC will get on with clearance of the pond in early February as it needs environment for pond life to thrive.
- Saturday Working Parties will resume in March (1st Saturday of the month) between 10 am and 12 noon.
- This coincides with National Keep Britain Tidy and Help Clean Up Pendle Weekend (2-4th March 2018)
- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None
- 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: