



MINUTES of AGM

Held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7.15pm, Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne

1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes, Paul Clough, Peter Smith, Bob Tomlinson, Bernard Bracken, David Penney; APOLOGIES: Sue and Tom Sharples (left area), Lee Johnson
2. MINUTES of last AGM on 18th April 2017 were accepted as a true record, proposed, Paul, seconded, Helen
3. MATTERS ARISING:
 - Review of LNR Management Plan delayed due to Lee's work commitments – Paul to draw up a list of items for Plan and submit them to Lee for approval.
 - Woodland between Canal and Barrowford Road owned by Begley's Farm and under their Stewardship in need of management
 - The Dog Pound by the canal is in a neglected state with fencing blocking a permissive footpath (Colne Greenway) between the canal and river – contact Tom Partridge, Footpaths Officer.
4. REPORTS: Chair & Volunteer Reserve Manager:
 - Less drug items but more litter on LNR and some fly tipping along the road.
 - Vandalism has increased (damage to railings and boarding around Pond, stone seat in Woodland) and another attempted break in to the green metal cabin
 - Regular Working Parties on Saturdays hampered by the weather
 - Paul and Team have erected 20 bird boxes (bat boxes still to be installed)
 - 400+ saplings planted in LNR and hedging in the Woodland
 - Pond has been cleaned and cleared; still items in the river to be retrieved
 - It was noted that there will be less support from the Council due to cut backs and reorganisation of Council Departments
5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:
 - After Income and Expenditure (£133.14), there is a Balance of £2,400.27
 - Peter was thanked for getting two grants: Tesco £2000 Plastic Bag Award to fund Community Project and £300 from Aviva
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
 - Chair – David Penney) proposed by Helen
 - Acting Secretary – David Penney) and
 - Treasurer – Peter Smith) seconded by Paul
7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
 - All others present were elected as well as those who could not attend – proposed by David, seconded by Peter

8. FUTURE PRIORITIES & PLANS:

- Tree Management in the Woodland
- Clearing the undergrowth which is stifling the habitat
- Work Programme needs to be drawn up that will contribute towards the Management Review and form the basis for Community Project

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Helen and David to attend Mayor's Reception for volunteers and Friends of Parks and LNRs on Thursday 19th April in Nelson Town Hall
- David to respond to inclusion of Woodland in the Allocation Sites List (PO 49) in the Draft Pendle Local Plan
- David will attend Workshop on Green Infrastructure in the Local Plan including the issue of Biodiversity and Ecological Networks, on 9th May
- David has responded to Consultation on the Government's proposed revised draft National Planning Policy Framework, which seems to emphasise the importance of economic benefits over the social and environmental impacts
- 2019 AGM is due to take place on Tuesday 16th April, 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne

10. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday 3rd July, 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne