



**MINUTES of FOG LNR Executive Meeting
Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne**

1. PRESENT: Helen Holmes; Paul Rawson; Paul Clough; David Penney
2. APOLOGIES: Peter Smith; Bob Tomlinson
3. MINUTES of 9th January 2018: approved
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - Management Review of LNR further delayed due to cut backs at Council;
 - As an interim measure, Paul Clough has submitted a list of works to Lee Johnson, which has been accepted for action;
 - Failure to involve College in carrying out works programme funded by Tesco Plastic Bag Grant;
 - Paul has tried to get Placements from Drug Rehabilitation Project;
 - If this fails, then Paul suggested approaching local firms to see if any of employees could be seconded to the Project;
 - Otherwise, PEAG will have to be approached to carry out work and be paid for from allocated PEN funds at Pendle Borough Council;
 - There was a lack of Volunteers for Saturday Working Parties.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT:
 - Expenses: 2 Padlocks: £75.19 – there have been no break ins to Green Shed since strong expensive padlock has been fitted;
 - Bank Balance: £2,242.81
6. WORK PROGRAMME:
 - Volunteer Manager Report: Major sessions on pond clearance with help of Paul and few Volunteers; Paul has been involved in river clearance in Waterside with reach from Primet to Reserve still to be tackled; PEAG has sprayed weed killers along side of paths and strimmed borders (area of open grass in woodland needs strimming);
 - Repair of Railings and steps needed; bat boxes to be erected;
 - Lack of species on LNR was observed apart from bees;
 - Dave P has taken part in the National Butterfly Count;
 - Bob T has registered the old ash along Greenfield as a protected ancient tree with the Woodland Trust; the Council PTO has been informed;
 - Working Parties: 1st Saturday of month from 10am – 12noon – 1st September; 6th October; 3rd November;
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
 - Dave P has made representations to the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Workshop for the Local Plan;
 - New Contact List needed for Notice Board – Dave P to provide it;
 - There was a general feeling that the austerity cuts were impacting on the Council's Environmental Services and support for LNRs; it was important that there should be no further cuts to these Services in the 2019/20 Budget.
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.15pm in Crown Hotel, Colne