

PENDLE LOCAL NATURE RESERVE STEERING GROUP

DATE: Tuesday 12 March 2019
TIME: 10 am – 12 noon
LOCATION: Fleet Street Depot, Nelson

Present

Malcolm Linford	Lomeshaye	ML	Philip Mousdale	Borough of Pendle	PM
John Lamb	Wildlife Trust	JL	Carol Riley	Alkincoates	CR
John Belbin	Ball Grove	JB	Lee Johnson	Borough of Pendle	LJ
David Penney	Greenfield	DP	Alison Plackett	Gibhill	AP
John Plackett	Gibhill	JP	Louise Cooper	Borough of Pendle	LC
Aimee Robinson	Pendle Green Network	AR			

Apologies

Dave McQuillan	Alkincoates	DM	Maureen Roberts	Quarry Hill	MR
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2.	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on:</p> <p>DATE: 11 June 2019 TIME: 10 am – 12 noon LOCATION: Members Room, Nelson Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. <p><u>Update from Philip Mousdale:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philip stated that he took on board all the concerns the group had expressed at the last meeting. He assured everyone the Council do appreciate and value the work of the LNR groups and realise how important it is. Philip agreed he would try to attend as many meetings as possible. He thought it would be better to leave the Councillors involvement until after the elections in May. Lomeshaye – The compulsory purchase order has been confirmed, therefore the development and extension of the industrial estate is now moving forward. Malcolm asked if monies were still in place for the reserve? Philip stated that they have the funds for the compulsory purchases. Lee will ask if the ESIF grant will be resurrected. Lee stated the green infrastructure will happen, but at a slower pace. Alkincoates – Colne Town Council wish to acquire Alkincoates Park, but there are one or two issues with the areas bordering the LNR. Carol stated the LNR group do not wish to take on the woodland area unless it stays with the Council. Further discussions are required regarding this issue. Ball Grove – Trawden Parish Council are taking responsibility for Ball Grove Park. Gibhill – Alison and John asked if there had been any progress regarding the status of Gibhill? Philip agreed to pick this up at the next meeting. Quarry Hill – David reported Quarry Hill is listed as an LNR on the Council website, but it has not been designated as an LNR. Lee explained that Quarry Hill is an LCC site and he will ask Tim Blythe if there is any progress. John L stated LCC have had more funding cuts than PBC. 	<p>LJ</p> <p>PM</p> <p>LJ</p>
3.	<p><u>Alkincoates</u></p> <p>Carol Riley reported the following on behalf of Alkincoates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The group have been working on the Stag House entrance. The housing developers on Red Lane are willing to help. The group will need the support of Lee and relevant permissions to develop a wetland area. A work day will be organised when David returns from holiday. Volunteers will be planting some Scots Pine in memory of Jim Smart. The group thought the new PSPO's would cover LNR's and are disappointed that they do not. Lee stated 	

that the LNR still has the by-laws and they will be included in the next phase of the PSPO's.

- f. The group discussed the new company District. They have been brought in to issue fines for dog fouling and littering. They cover all open spaces. If you have noticed a problem, let Lee know as they will target areas.
- g. The rough sleeper in Alkincoates has now gone.

4. **Ball Grove**

John Belbin reported the following on behalf of Ball Grove:

- a. Two huge trees were blown down. They have since been removed by Dr Barhi, he did so at his own expense. Lee stated that if the trees were safe, they should have been left on the ground to rot as this is better for the biodiversity of the area.

5. **Gibhill**

John and Alison Plackett reported the following on behalf of Gibhill:

- a. Mr Allinson is continuing to cause problems, sheep are still going onto the area and the golf course is also having problems. Lee stated County are dealing with the rubbish dumping. Lee will speak to Tim Horsley regarding the matters.

LJ

6. **Greenfield**

David Penney reported the following on behalf of Greenfield:

- a. There has been lots of vandalism on the site, including stolen and damaged duck boards from around the pond.
- b. There are visible signs of drug use.
- c. Pick up for Pendle did a blitz.
- d. David asked what the group should do with spent needles that are found? Lee stated the volunteers should be extremely careful and should really be wearing protective gloves when doing any work.
- e. When clearing the rubbish, it all has to be taken to the car park. Let Lee know when you are doing the work and he will arrange the collection of the rubbish and any needles. It was suggested the group get a sharps box.
- f. Alison suggested using the wildlife camera as CCTV to catch the vandals.
- g. The Environment Agency has been to monitor the water.
- h. Currently renewing steps and putting rails up with the Green Network, there is a lot of repair work still to do.

7. **Lomeshaye**

Malcolm Linford reported the following on behalf of Lomeshaye:

- a. The Environment Agency has cleared some shrubs from the bank, but only from one small area.
- b. The reed cutter is too big for Lomeshaye.
- c. The Police Cadets are working on the reserve at Easter, but this is too late to cut back the reeds, therefore they will be cutting back the willow.
- d. Malcolm has reported to the police the amount of drug use, prostitution and rubbish.
- e. There was a CCTV camera, but this was knocked over, it should really be re-instated.
- f. Lee will sort out the dog fouling sign.
- g. The link for booking the room at Lomeshaye is: <https://simplybook.me/>

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8. **Quarry Hill**

- a. No matters arising.

9. **Lancashire Wildlife Trust**

John Lamb reported the following on behalf of Lancashire Wildlife Trust:

- a. The South Grassland Project ends in August. Phil Reddel has a new job within LWT. Ben Hargreaves and John Lamb will be completing the final grassland assessments and hopefully we will see an increase.

10. **Wildlife in Pendle**

- a. Deer have been seen at Alkincoates.

11. **Any Other Business**

- a. David Penney asked if the Council had progressed with the Green Infrastructure and if it included biodiversity? Lee stated there have been some changes, therefore it has to go back. Lee will update the group at the next meeting. Biodiversity is a key part.
- b. David Penney introduced Aimee Robinson from the Pendle Green Network to the group. The group aim to bring together other groups that represent green activities to share resources, volunteers and equipment as well as taking referral's from GP's so people can access therapy and support through horticulture and green activities. There are currently 8 organisations that attend the meetings. The next challenge is to formalise the group and put together a partnership bid to the Lottery. If anyone would like any further information, please contact Aimee: aimee@peninelancashirecommunityfarm.org. Aimee has since left Pennine Lancashire Community Farm. It is unclear whether or not the Pendle Green Network is to continue.
- c. A discussion was held regarding Health and Safety. Lee clarified that the use of power tools by volunteers on the reserves is not permitted, but volunteers are allowed to use hand tools. Volunteers should inform Lee when they are working on the reserves so they are covered by the Councils insurance. Lee does have some hand tools that volunteers can borrow.