



MINUTES of AGM held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.15pm

Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne

1. **PRESENT:** Jenni and Paul Clough; Helen Holmes; Peter Smith; Paul Rawson; Dave Penney; No **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES** of last AGM on 17th April 2018 were accepted as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - PC is carrying out review of Management Plan and submitting findings to Lee Johnson at Pendle BC for action.
 - The Woodland between Canal and Barrowford Road was planted under a Stewardship Grant and is responsibility of Begley's Farm to maintain.
 - Dog Pound is still operating but at a lower level and been subject to thefts.
 - DP had taken part in Workshops to draw up a Green Infrastructure Plan with emphasis on preserving/enhancing Biodiversity to offset Climate Change.
4. **REPORT of Volunteer Reserve Manager:**
 - Tesco Plastic Grant Project now underway with 3 sessions completed and more to come involving Volunteers from Good Life Project/Pendle Community Farm under supervision of PC – focusing on repair and maintenance of steps, railings, decking around pond and boards along footpaths.
 - PC and HH held a successful activity day with Cub Scouts on LNR with pond and river dipping and building of bug shelters in Woodland; the Cub Scouts have donated a Hedgehog House and Bat Box.
 - There have been a number of Working Parties in first quarter of 2019 mainly carrying out wood management and clear up of rubbish with a lot caused by squatters/drug alcohol abusers – 85 hours from Jan – March 2019 including 25 hours given by PR mainly individually to clear undergrowth. DP to ask Pendle BC on how Volunteer Hours were used.
 - Broken Drain has been repaired by United Utilities.
 - There have been a number of break-ins to Green Shed but the access now seems secure.
5. **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:** PS reported that there was an opening Balance of £2,533.94 with no Income & Expenditure of £533.77 leaving a closing Balance of £1,980.17.
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - the following Friends were re-elected:
 - Chair: David Penney; Acting Secretary: David Penney; Treasurer: Peter Smith; Volunteer Reserve Manager: Paul Clough.
7. **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Helen Holmes; Jenni Clough; Paul Rawson were elected; others may be co-opted who attend meetings.
8. **FUTURE PRIORITIES & PLANS:**
 - Establish Flower Meadow on land opposite houses; complete Tesco Grant Project.
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - Concern expressed about indiscriminate spraying;
 - Links made with Pendle Green Network – a source of Volunteers;
 - DP to prepare a Flyer in Notice Board at LNR calling for more Volunteers;
 - Pick Up for Pendle Project has a lot of Volunteers; more support from Council needed;
 - Criticism was made of Environmental Crime Officers who did not appear to be covering Parks and LNRs and areas where there was a lot of litter and dog mess.
10. **DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday 23rd July at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne