



MINUTES
FOG LNR Executive Meeting
Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne

1. **PRESENT:** Paul Rawson; Peter Smith; David Penney
2. **APOLOGIES:** Paul Clough; Helen Holmes
3. **MINUTES** of AGM of 16th April 2019 were considered for any Actions under Matters Arising
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - Volunteer Hours: April-June = 107 Hours
 - No further break ins to green shed
 - DP had put a Notice on board calling for more Volunteers
 - DP had reported to Pendle LNR SG concerns about ill directed activities of Environmental Crime Officers.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - Expenses: £175.33 for materials and work on LNR under Plastic Bag Grant Project
 - Bank Balance: £1,764.84
 - PEN Funds lodged with Council will be distributed to LNRs
6. **WORK PROGRAMME:**
 - **Volunteer Manager's Report:**
 - 1) The 3 lots of steps have finally been finished with the assistance of the Good Life Project with final session filling in gaps with gravel.
 - 2) The large ancient Ash has been drastically reduced in height due to finding it to be rotten at the base of the tree. Lee from PBC informed and he came to inspect it and the decision was taken to deal with it as a matter of urgency as the amount of rot couldn't be guaranteed; the Ash should re-grow but with reduced risk to the public. Members of the Public and the Committee were concerned at the decimation without wider consultation. At least one resident on Greenfield Road has complained to the Council.
 - 3) The area around the ash was cleared for the safety of the tree surgeons and will require sorting out, which we will start on the next Saturday volunteer day. When the area is cleared we will make a decision whether to

re plant around there or do something different like possibly put a bench there?

4) I need to measure up around the pond to repair the fencing and some of the path edging. The Good Life project will assist us again in doing the necessary repairs.

5) PEAG have strimmed the path edges and are aware of the 2 small patches of Japanese knotweed on the river and will be sprayed by them in September.

6) The amount of rubbish and fly tipping has been minimal over the last few months and continues to get less. Dog poo continues to be a problem with some people walking through and voicing there views and asking what we can do about it? Heroin needles continue to be a problem but again at a reduced amount - more of a county problem than just localised to the Reserve along with the growing number of homeless people.

7) I got my strimmer working so as soon as is practical I will be strimming the areas that PEAG don't do but we used to.

- Area of brushwood needs to be cleared in front of first row of houses to establish a Wildflower Meadow; Paul Rawson suggested we extend clearance down the bank to make way for planting trees.
- Working Parties: 1st Saturdays from 10-12 noon: 3rd August; 7th September; 5th October; 2nd November.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Big Butter Fly Count, 19th July – 11th August:** DP will do a count on LNR during the Working Party on 3rd August.
- **Council declared a Climate Emergency** at a Full Council Meeting on 11th July:

The heart of the Motion is a commitment with the "aim of taking the lead and making Pendle Council and its arms-length bodies carbon-neutral by 2030, and for working for Pendle as a whole to be carbon neutral by 2030 or as soon as possible thereafter."

Further, as the Motion says, the Council "will audit and review the Local Development Plan as part of this process, and will include a climate emergency audit and statement as part of all significant new Council policies and plans."

This process should lead to a greater protection and enhancement of Biodiversity to combat Climate Change

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne
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