

## PENDLE LOCAL NATURE RESERVE STEERING GROUP

**DATE:** Tuesday 11 June 2019  
**TIME:** 10 am – 12 noon  
**LOCATION:** Wilson Room, Nelson Town Hall

### Present

Malcolm Linford	Lomeshaye	ML	Carol Riley	Alkincoates	CR
John Lamb	Wildlife Trust	JL	Lee Johnson	Borough of Pendle	LJ
John Belbin	Ball Grove	JB	Louise Cooper	Borough of Pendle	LC
David Penney	Greenfield	DP			

### Apologies

Dave McQuillan	Alkincoates	DM	Maureen Roberts	Quarry Hill	MR
Alison Plackett	Gibhill	AP	John Plackett	Gibhill	JP
Les Cromey	Ball Grove	LC	Philip Mousdale	Borough of Pendle	PM

MIN NO		ACTION
2.	<p><b><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on:</p> <p><b>DATE:</b> 17 September 2019 – Please note date change. <b>TIME:</b> 10 am – 12 noon <b>LOCATION:</b> Members Room, Nelson Town Hall</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Alkincoates</u></b></p> <p>Carol Riley reported the following on behalf of Alkincoates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Stag House entrance seems to be working. The blockage at the entrance gate also seems to have resolved the muddy paths problem that has been there for over 12 months.</li><li>The work by housing developer, Beck and the site manager Jon are still going to help us with heavy work. The group are waiting for the right weather conditions and Lee to give the lining detail of the pond.</li><li>The work day held in the orchard on 15<sup>th</sup> March was a great success, but still waiting the re-staking of some of the larger trees by the EAG.</li><li>Still having wilful damage by mindless vandals, Simon has been trying different feeding receptacles and these have been smashed whilst there is also camping and littering in the area.</li><li>The debris that was left by the illegal camper has been cleared. Four black bags of rubbish including syringes, food and alcohol tins along with 20 pairs of socks was removed.</li><li>The plastic lectern is still looking good, Rob from Colne Double Glazing is going to put side panels on in due course and drain slots to prevent pooling of water on the base panel.</li><li>The wildflower meadow is still now showing signs of any sort of flowering foliage apart from yarrow / sorrel. Lee suggested planting plug plants next year.</li><li>NESL builders planted three trees in member of their father.</li><li>The Pines were planted in the new extension on 25 April 2019.</li><li>All of the walkway decking is showing its age and will need replacing in the not too distant future.</li><li>Simon has taken down two of the owl boxes to replaces parts with marine external plywood.</li><li>The two ponds have been a problem again this year. The tadpoles were rescued,</li><li>The old pond has been partially cleared of Flag Iris, but the Blackthorn still needs pruning.</li></ol>	
4.	<p><b><u>Ball Grove</u></b></p> <p>John Belbin reported the following on behalf of Ball Grove:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>There has been some fly tipping in the woodland area and at the Winewall/Carry Lane woodland.</li></ol>	

5. **Gibhill**

- a. John Allinsson has been sentenced to 6 months in prison for contempt of court. There has still been no attempt to clear the land.

6. **Greenfield**

David Penney reported the following on behalf of Greenfield:

- a. The Goodlife Project have helped repair and re-install the steps.
- b. Two small wildflower meadows have been re-established.
- c. There has been lots of vandalism in the reserve including the fence around the pond.
- d. Some of the decking has been repaired.
- e. There has been camping in the woodland.
- f. Aimee has now left Pendle Community Farm, so it is best to contact John O'Neil at the Goodlife Project for volunteers: [thetreefella@gmail.com](mailto:thetreefella@gmail.com) The project is secure for the next 2 years.

7. **Lomeshaye**

Malcolm Linford reported the following on behalf of Lomeshaye:

- a. The police cadets have been doing a lot of work within the reserve, at each session there has been between 10 and 20 young people:
  - Cleared all the pathways round the back of the reserve.
  - Three patches of willow have been cleared and bug hotels have been built.
- b. The Environment Agency have cleared an area for an unknown reason.
- c. In the long term the Police Cadets would like to adopt the reserve, so it can be used for their Duke of Edinburgh sessions.
- d. Several drug dealers have been cautioned.
- e. More dog fouling signs are needed.
- f. **New Zealand Pygmyweed**
  - Malcolm reported some devastating news regarding the reserve at Lomeshaye:
  - Two years ago a number of terrapins along with New Zealand Pygmyweed was 'dumped' into the marsh area. The terrapins were removed, but the weed was not. This has caused the reserve to die.
  - The weed is now 200mm thick and the water underneath is black and smells.
  - There has been no signs of dragon flies.
  - Two sections of the weed were removed and two weeks later a wildlife survey was conducted. After 45 minutes there was no signs of life at all.
  - The only effective treatment of the weed is to use glyphosate – but this would destroy everything and we would be starting again. You can dig out the weed, but any small pieces that are left will sprout again and become even more vigorous.
  - Lee has suggested applying for a Big Lottery Grant to carry out the work and also include upgrading and improving the footpaths, boardwalks etc.

8. **Quarry Hill**

- a. No matters arising.

9. **Lancashire Wildlife Trust**

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

- a. The Grassland project finishes in August 2019. There are 50 sites that need to be assessed.

10. **Wildlife in Pendle**

- a. Roughlee and Old Laund Booth Parish Councils are putting together some circular walks, there will be 2 woodland walks, 2 grassland walks, a history trail, boundary walk and village centre walk. John B will send some of his walks to John L.
- b. John B reported that the walking festival starts on 10 August, where he will be leading some of the walks.

11. **PEN Funding**

- a. Following a conversation with finance, they have asked if we spend the remaining PEN funding this year. Lee suggested purchasing bat and bird boxes along with some tools that the groups can share.
- b. Louise will find out what has been spent.
- c. David asked if the remaining amounts could be transferred to the groups directly, as they all have their own accounts.

12 **Any Other Business**

- a. David stated that the local plan is subject to consultation before it is handed to parliament. He urged everyone to take a look at it to ensure biodiversity is included.
- b. David also asked if there was any scope to get Boundary Mill to plant trees on the area of land at the end of the M65.