

**PENDLE LOCAL NATURE RESERVES STEERING GROUP**  
**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019, 10 AM**  
**NELSON TOWN HALL**

Present

Maureen Roberts	Quarry Hill	MR	David Penney	Greenfield LNR	DP	John Plackett	Gibhill	JP
Alison Plackett	Gibhill	AP	Malcolm Linford	Lomeshaye LNR	ML	Louise Cooper	BOP	LC

Apologies

Carol Riley	Alkincoates LNR	CR	Dave McQuillan	Alkincoates LNR	DM	John Belbin	Ball Grove LNR	JB
Les Cromeey	Ball Grove LNR	LC	John Lamb	LWT	JL	Lee Johnson	BOP	LJ

MIN NO		ACTION
2	<p><b><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>DATE: Tuesday 10 March 2020  TIME: 10 am – 12 noon  LOCATION: Members Room, Nelson Town Hall</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Alkincoates LNR</u></b></p> <p>The following was reported by Carol Riley via email.</p> <p>3.1 The new pond needs to be fenced to prevent sheep from getting into it. Louise will speak to Matt again and send prices.</p> <p>3.2 A large grant has been submitted to for all the footpaths to be upgraded and some new paths. Match funding will be from some of the group's monies.</p>	LC
4	<p><b><u>Ball Grove LNR</u></b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Gibhill LNR</u></b></p> <p>John and Alison reported the following on behalf of Gibhill:</p> <p>5.1. The protected hedgerow (Bott House towards Castercliffe) has seen thousands of migrating Thrush this year. There is lots of hawthorn and holly within the hedge. There are a lot of brambles that need to be dealt with.</p> <p>5.2 The group felt that the Council should put Gibhill forward for LNR status as part of the Climate Change Emergency to protect and enhance biodiversity in Pendle, it also felt that the BHS status should be extended beyond the top two fields. The group would like to see this as an agenda item.</p>	LJ
6	<p><b><u>Greenfield LNR</u></b></p> <p>David Penney reported the following on behalf of Greenfield LNR:</p> <p>6.1 Paul has completed all the work and maintenance of steps and footpaths with the help of the Goodlife Project. There is still some work to do on the handrails.</p> <p>6.2 There has been some vandalism around the pond, the group are looking at carrying out the repairs with the Goodlife Project.</p> <p>6.3 Putting up more bat, owl and bird boxes throughout the reserve.</p> <p>6.4 Tree planting suggestions to the Council: One of the areas suggested is to plant around the outside of the land that was set aside for Bannisters (adjacent to M65).</p> <p>6.5 Rubbish was dumped 8 weeks ago and the Council were asked to remove it. The Environmental Crime Officers have prosecuted the culprits. It has been suggested to put up a hedge or fence to prevent fly tipping.</p> <p>6.6 Maureen asked what state the river was in? DP stated that the group did a massive clearance recently and they have all the correct safety equipment etc. The group also have contacts with the Ribble Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency.</p>	

<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p> <p>7.8</p> <p>7.9</p>	<p><b><u>Lomeshaye</u></b></p> <p>Malcolm reported the following on behalf of Lomeshaye Marsh LNR:</p> <p>The Police Cadets have built a new path that winds its way up through the reserve.</p> <p>The Police Cadets have been given 450 trees, plus a further 400 that have been donated, these will be delivered in March/April. Alison noted that a lot of newly planted trees are not given enough space to thrive, so asked if Malcolm would take this into consideration when planting at Lomeshaye. Alison also pointed out that the trees should be planted where they are best suited, for example Alder and Willow prefer damper soil and Alder should be planted nearer the river. Oak trees prefer drier land and Beech prefer very dry land. Alison does have concerns about planting Chesnut. Chesnuts have a natural antifungal, therefore mushrooms and fungi do not grow around Chesnuts, Oaks would be a much better option.</p> <p>Malcolm has some fabulous pictures of Lee being interviewed for the One Show!</p> <p>Malcolm asked if Lee could produce some signs for littering and CCTV.</p> <p>My Space have pulled out of Lomeshaye as they were not getting enough referrals down there. They did do some very good work at the reserve.</p> <p>£25k from the ESIF bid has been awarded to Lomeshaye Marsh and work will start on the roof, paths and platform. The extension of the reserve has also been approved.</p> <p>Malcolm gave an update on the Pygmy Weed and gave the background information to the group. Lee has investigated the best way to address the situation and the only option is to weed kill everything, this will decimate the reserve, but if it is left the situation could become even worse. The reserve is already dying and it has left us with this only option. Lee has spoken to an expert on dragon and damsel flies and they have said it will take 18 months to two years after the treatments for the dragon and damsel flies to return. Unfortunately there are no other alternatives, it is the only way to save the reserve in the long term.</p> <p>Malcolm asked if Lee knows when the Environment Agency will be removing the concrete from the riverbed, as Malcolm would like to put in a footbridge, therefore he would like to know when the heavy machinery will be on site, then it can be sorted at the same time?</p> <p>Malcolm reported they have a large bin just outside the centre, by the car park, it has never been emptied. Malcom emptied the contents into a skip, but has said it will not do that again! Lee to ask for this bin to be included in the emptying rounds.</p>	<p>LJ</p> <p>LJ</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p><b><u>Quarry Hill</u></b></p> <p>Maureen reported the following on behalf of Quarry Hill:</p> <p>EAG repaired the stile that was reported broken.</p> <p>Maureen has seen a Stag on the reserve and badgers have also been spotted.</p> <p>A number of new trees have been planted and quite a few Oak trees have re-seeded themselves.</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p><b><u>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</u></b></p> <p>John Lamb reported the following via email:</p> <p>LWT Nature Reserve at Upper Coldwell Reservoir: A count of Grass-of-Parnassus was carried out on 9 September 2019 and recorded 1,096 flower heads (there were 370 in 2017 and 576 in 2018). Cutting vegetation in the bays was carried out on the 30 and 31 October 2019, but stopped early due to poor weather.</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p><b><u>Wildlife in Pendle</u></b></p> <p>Maureen reported that due to the Climate Change Emergency, schools are starting to set up tree nurseries.</p>	
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>At the beginning of the meeting an update was given regarding the recent Climate Change Emergency Meeting held on 14 November 2019. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was set up by Pendle Council, but David and Alison were dissatisfied with the meeting. The minutes did not reflect what was said at the meeting.</li> <li>The minutes will be distributed to groups for them to feedback on.</li> <li>Attached are the points Alison has made.</li> </ul> <p>PEN Funding:</p> <p>Each reserve has the following amounts remaining:</p>	

Greenfield: £892.38  
Quarry Hill: £1,270.13  
Lomeshaye: £765.48  
Ball Grove: £976.66  
Alkincoates: £976.61  
Gibhill: £1,479.13

It was agreed the outstanding monies would be paid to each reserve. Unfortunately Gibhill and Quarry Hill do not have their own bank accounts. Louise has asked both Alison and Maureen to decide how they would like the money to be spent. Louise will raise payments to the other reserves bank accounts.