

The Friends of Littleheath Woods

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25th June 2019 at 53, Queenhill Road, 7.30pm.

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Present: Ian Leggatt, Chris Hyde, Peter Underwood, Shirley Shepherd and Brian Stone.

Apologies: Sean Walsh, Ken Pauw and Malcolm Macleod.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting.

The minutes were agreed as true record.

3 Treasurer's Report. Chris reported that the current balance was £5,230.45 which included funding of £1k from our Councillors last year for provision of Chainsaw Training. We have been advised that Councillor funding of £1,150 has been approved for this year but our current balance does not reflect this. Chris has paid our insurance premium of £270.38 and awaits reimbursement from the Council.

4 Health & Safety.

Nothing to report.

5 Any Other Business (from last meeting in italics) with updates:

a) *Signage: PM note:* Cyril and Dave are liaising re fixing.

Action Cyril / Dave

b) *Nature Trail.* Ian apologised that he had not yet had chance to fully study the Happy Valley guidance notes.

Action IL

c) *Moth trap.* Peter advised that although he was in receipt of the moth trap it was found to be unserviceable. He offered to attempt a repair.

Action PU

d) *Antisocial parties and behaviour in Clears Croft.* Ian confirmed that the sign was still attached to the lamppost.

e) *Copper Beech area:* Shirley offered to attempt to identify the flowers which have appeared around the old Copper Beech area.

Action SS

f) *5 Year Plan.* Chris advised that this was now completed and ready to be sent to Meike and Simon. Copy to be put on website (Ian) and circulated to the Committee.

Action CH / IL

g) *Chainsaw Training.* Noted that our volunteer is still awaiting a suitable course date. PM Note: a suitable date has been agreed.

h) *Brushcutter Training course.* Peter advised that there had been little uptake. Dates to be confirmed.

Action PU

i) Ian still to take part in the Citizen Science Project which seeks to map all tree cover on a ward by ward basis across the country.

Action IL

j) Ponds – Noted that Adam Asquith (TCV) has provided 5 year work plan for our ponds which is to be incorporated into our main workplan by Chris. Peter was asked to pass on the Committees thanks to Adam.

Action PU / CH

k) Fungus Foray. Shirley noted that our annual Foray has been booked for Sunday 27th October, 10am.

l) Ash Dieback – Peter noted that small trees and saplings seem to have been most affected this year.

m) Chris commented that she had emailed the council (Meike) re a timetable for contractors work within the woods. She reported she had not received a reply. It was agreed to assume that the ‘old’ schedule would be worked to.

n) A recent email exchange regarding Selsdon Wood and reference to more dog bins was discussed. Ian agreed to contact Linda Morris to see whether the Council has agreed to service any new bins.

Action IL

Date of Next Meeting.

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday 27th August 2019, 7.30pm, at 53, Queenhill Road.