

**ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16/04/23 at 10.00 p.m. at 9 Main Street.

Present:

**Gill Battarbee (GB), Rick Battarbee (RB), Jan Hindle (JH), Malcolm Secrett (MS), John Sykes (JS)
Peter Miller (PM) – for Environment Weekend item.**

1. Apologies: Wes Wilcox (WW), Richard Walton (RW)

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Actions not covered below

Minutes of meetings on 16/01/23 agreed.

Actions:

- Website review meeting held on 17th Jan. DJ circulated an action plan, part completed. **ACTION:** All to complete actions
- Purchase of loppers Cleaner Streets Grant – still to be done. **ACTION:** RB
- Bee & butterfly project: new volunteers successfully recruited to take over transects.
- JS contacted Chair of Governors re energy projects at the school. **ACTION:** RB/JS to seek a meeting with the Head.

3. Funding & Finances

GB confirmed that the AEG finance spreadsheet agreed with the Civic Society books at the financial year end on 31 March. The ACS Treasurer, Mike Williams is now keeping a separate book for Environment Group income and expenditure.

At 31st March total AEG funds stood at £5527.33, after project commitments and recurring expenditure, available funds totalled £2804.45.

4. Environment Weekend 2023

The arrangements and logistics for the environment weekend on 10 and 11 June were discussed.

ACTION: GB to circulate notes and dates for planning meetings.

5. Climate Action Addingham

A constructive informal meeting had been held with Simon, Wes and Sallie, to discuss the way forward. The changes proposed were agreed and new terms of reference will be drawn up, which RB is tasked to write. APC and ACS, will remain in the lead, with AEG in an advisory role, but key village organisations who share CAA objectives will be invited to participate. CAA will reach out to individuals and all village groups/societies. CAA activities and targets will be refined as part of writing the new ToFR

ACTION: RB to circulate the revised ToFR to the steering group for comment.

6. Keighley & Ilkley Green Groups (KIGGS)

Invited to participate in Environment Weekend. Plastic Free Silsden will bring their refill stall.

7. Weston Woods

The consortium of local environmental groups was successful in the bid for the woods. AEG lent support, and individual members contributed to the appeal, but we have no financial responsibility.

8. FoTD visit – Sat 1 July

Planning meeting for this event which FoTD are organising focusing on AEG's biodiversity work, is arranged for 25 April.

9. Village Coronation Events

The organizing committee has asked for AEG help with putting up the marquees on Fri 5 May and take down on 8 May, in return for which we will ask for help over EW.

ACTION: RB to send a call out for volunteers.

10. Coronation Gala – 7th May

GB confirmed that ACS will have a stall, AEG to be included with that.

11. ACS Spring Fair – 20th May

Confirmed AEG will have a stall. RB will organise volunteers to run it.

12. Lytham St Anne's Civic Society visit to Addingham – 4 June

GB is waiting for final confirmation that they are coming

13. Jumble Trail

Suggested dates 17 or 24 September, to be firmed up at the next ZW meeting.

14. Wildlife/Biodiversity update

- Craven Cres Green going well
 - Bee & butterfly transects underway
 - New small wildflower meadow on Bark Lane (Ferryman's Green)
 - Mowing arrangements made with Sallie and BMDC
 - HB report for 2022 written up and circulated. Will go again after EW.

15. Zero Carbon

Next meeting this week.

16. Zero Waste

Next meeting Tues 2 May.

JH reported back on exploring running an AEG not for profit refill stall on the Silsden model. Aiming to start in September, once a month, at Mount Hermon Thurs coffee morning. All agreed set up costs of circa £215 to be supported from AEG funds.

17. Water update

- Yorkshire Water investment in Ilkley/Addingham STW confirmed in principle
- New water quality research project with EA and Sheffield Uni underway this summer (1 May start). Four vols recruited to drive samples to the lab in Sheffield.

18. Saplings

- Going well, 16 children on the books
- Peter and Debs do a huge amount of work planning and running the activities.
- ACS enrichment programme for the school also going well. Activities on a water theme delivered for Science Week.

19. AOB

As no one else has come forward, GB announced that she had offered to stand as ACS Chair at the AGM in May, if a new secretary can be found.

20. DONM

Sun 23 July @ 10.00

JEH/21/06/2023