

**ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Minutes of the meeting held on 08/01/23 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)

1. Apologies: Dave Johnston (DJ), Wes Wilcox (WW)

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

Minutes of meetings on 21/10/22 agreed.

Actions:

- Website review still to happen. 16 or 17th Jan at 5.30 suggested. **ACTION:** RB to contact DJ
- Purchase of loppers Cleaner Streets Grant – still to be done. **ACTION:** RB
- CAA launch actions - DONE
- Letter to Robbie Moore MP expressing concern about environmental protection/changes to ELMS – DONE
- Blister pack recycling – visit to Rowlands Pharmacy DONE - poster produced.
- Soft plastics recycling at the Co-op email to AEG supporters list - DONE

3. Funding & Finances

Total funds stand at £3347.61, of which £1527.79 is unallocated to projects. The regular recurring expenditure budget was reviewed, agreed the wildflower seed allocation of £50 should be retained for general biodiversity related materials. Noted parish online subscription has increased.

RB reported on new grants:

Wharfedale Nats grant received of £457 for planting willows at Church Field, and for hedgerow plants for Marchup Heights, to replace 2022 failures.

White Rose Forest – hedge planting at Marchup Heights Emma Lou, the landowner has received a WRF grant to extend the boundary hedge along the Silsden Road, as part of the grant we are expecting a donation of £500 in recognition of volunteer labour.

The application to the Beer Festival for the Craven Crescent Green 'master' plan was not successful, instead a local trust fund is contributing to the cost of engaging a landscape architect, to work with AEG, the residents and InCommunities.

4. Environment Weekend 2023

GB met with the school bursar at the end of term to discuss the practical arrangements. Unfortunately, because it is not possible to lock the classrooms, it won't be possible to use the hall and dining room area. We can still use the grounds and the youth centre building was suggested as alternative indoor space. The Mem Hall or Church Field are still available as alternative venues.

Agreed the school is still our preferred venue.

ACTION: GB to liaise with the Youth Centre and book the building.

5. Climate Action Addingham

Progress had faltered since the launch. The PC seemed very pleased with the event, but it has not been possible to hold a quorate meeting since then. The next date proposed is 31 January or 1 February. Noted that RB has asked Harry if it would be possible to split the launch video into shorter films on each theme to use on the AEG website.

6. Keighley & Ilkley Green Groups (KIGGS)

Co-ordinated by Alison Tribe, a new informal alliance of green groups in the Keighley/Ilkley constituency has been formed. Two meetings have taken place so far here in Addingham. Other members so far include green groups in Silsden, East Morton, Riddlesden and Ilkley.

One of the initiatives discussed is organizing a household attitude survey on sustainability issues, with AEG carrying out a pilot in Addingham (100 households selected, randomly). First theme will be on attitudes to reducing carbon footprints. RB outlined the proposal. The data collected would be used for information,

promotional activity and target setting – how well are we doing as a community? Agreed AEG should take the lead on this.

ACTION:MS agreed to assist with investigating online questionnaire survey software options and design of the questionnaire

7. ACS Speaker Meeting – Feb 23rd

Agreed on a bio-diversity theme for the next in the 'How Green is Our Village' series, with a presentation before the break, and an interactive/discussion session in the second half.

ACTION:RB/JH to plan and approach Charlotte Simons to help with facilitation.

8. FoTD visit – Sat 1 July / Lytham St Anne Civic Society

The visit will focus on AEG wildflower rich grassland verges and banks/improving pollinator populations.

ACTION:All to note date. RB/JH to plan programme with FoTD.

GB reported that Lytham St Anne Civic Society had been in touch to arrange a visit to Addingham to learn about ACS environment and heritage group work.

ACTION: GB to circulate dates.

9. Air pollution/Clive Brook

Clive Brook raised concern about levels of air pollution around the Bolton Rd/Aynholme Bridge/Bark Lane area of the village. He has offered to lead on this for AEG and has contacted BMDC. Agreed that this issue fits best with the Zero Carbon working group.

ACTION:JS to invite CB to next meeting.

10. Wildlife/Biodiversity update

(i) School Science Week

GB is arranging the activity programme. Dates are 13-17 March.

(ii) Bees & Butterflies

2022 report being finalized and date to be arranged for start of season meeting. Three recorders have indicated they plan to step down.

ACTION: RB to send out recruitment invite to the wider group of AEG supporters

(iii) Invasives

2022 season report still to be written up. Karen Shackleton has made contact with the Army Cadets with a view to involving them in this year's Big Balsam Bash

11. Zero Carbon

£40k grant for school energy efficiency has been announced.

ACTION: JS to contact the chair of governors

12. Zero Waste

Next meeting 7 Feb. Noted that:

- Jumble Trail to be held on a Sunday in September Nicky Hopwood offered to help with organization
- Refill service – NH is not planning a pop-up shop.

JH will visit the Silsden not for profit stall to investigate how they run this.

- APC Butts & Bins scheme – held up by delivery logistics
- CAI Library of Things – agreed we should promote and encourage use
- Clothes recycling – bin now at the school.

13. Water

RB provided update on current projects. Particularly to note new work with the Denton Estate.

14. Saplings, work with the school & youth groups

Saplings continues to go well.

15. AOB

- John Fontana has offered to run a photo competition – agreed this should be under ACS

- Meeting about Bradford City of Culture plans – 7.15 on 21 Feb

16. DONM:

Sunday 16 April 2023 JEH/14/03/2023