

Natural Kirklees Quarterly Meeting
2pm Thursday 26th September 2019
Beaumont Park Visitor Centre

Attendees	Organisation
Tim Duke	Deputy Chair Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
D Wilde	Denby Dale Parish Council
N Sanderson	Clayton West Millennium Green
Alan Coe	FO Churchfield Denby Dale
Jill Lucas	Botany Group
Keith Hickling	Friends of Greenhead Park
Christine Senior	Meltham Pleasure Grounds
Susan Doran	Kirklees Countryside Volunteers
David Hirst	East Bierley Preservation Society
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Andy MacDonald	Friends of Storthes Hall Woods
Bruce Bird	Dewsbury Partnership
Tim Scott	Burton Environment Group
Ian Watson	East Bierley Preservation Soc
Deborah Wyles	FO Cliff Rec Holmfirth
Andy Goff	Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator
Andy Wickham	Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator
Gill Young	FO Crow Nest Park
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Keith Saunders	FO Slaithwaite Spa

Apologies	Organisation
Peter Turner	Natural Kirklees
Marianne McCleod-Hill	FO Storthes Hall Wood
Gordon McMinn	Ride Kirklees Cycle Advocacy Group
Karan Mayfield	Ravensthorpe Residents Action Group
Vicky House	Clems Garden
Jane Faulkner	Farnley Tyas Community Group
J Griffiths	Friends of Dean Wood
Mary Kenworthy	Natural Kirklees
Pete Banks	DCP
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Win & Karen Harrison	Holmepride
Lorraine Fletcher	FO Churchfield

Item	Action
Introductions Tim welcomed everyone and they all introduced themselves and explained who they represented.	
Minutes of the Meeting on 6th June 2019	

These were agreed Keith proposed and Jill seconded	
<p>Matters Arising We have funding of £3,000 to eradicate Japanese Knotweed. Up to 8 sites could be treated but we only have 3 at the moment. Please email Tim about sites with Japanese Knotweed, they must be Kirklees sites managed by Natural Kirklees Members. Two more sites were then mentioned but we still need another 3.</p>	All Groups
<p>Treasurers Report Mary is not here and Tim said that Mary is preparing the yearly accounts which will be sent to WYCAS at the end of the month for auditing. Most of the money has been allocated to various projects which will be reported on at the AGM.</p>	
<p>Insurance All members should have had their 2019/20 renewal documents by email. There are some groups which the brokers have no email address for. Tim will forward the renewal documents to these groups and update the contact details with the brokers The renewal was at the same price previous years but a percentage reduction on the costs of the mid-term additions was agreed. We have had a lot of enquiries about activities that are not necessarily included in the original business description which has resulted in an administration fee being levied by the brokers for the first time. As a result of these enquiries the insurers wanted to change the business description and increase the renewal price. It was decided not to alter the business description, resulting in the insurers wanting clarification on certain activities and to do this they have asked 3 questions which Tim will email to members then send a reply to the insurers. Huddersfield Woodscape are the only group to take chain saw insurance. Andy suggested asking them if they would come to other groups who need this kind of work. TG & AG will ask them. Tim Scott pointed out that he must come with his own insurance if he is being paid. The number of people at an event is calculated by people on site at any one time and not in total. The insurance specifies anyone under 18 as children. Gill Young proposed thanks to Tim for his efforts on the insurance and everyone agreed.</p>	TD/AG
<p>Events Booking Update Tim met with Rob Dalby and Robert Whittaker to discuss the events booking policy. It was said that it was not yet finalised and will be going back to cabinet. The way forward is to contact the booking team as before and email rob.whittaker@kirklees.gov.uk with any questions. There is a lot of confusion between commercial and voluntary organisations. Tim will keep meeting with Kirklees to establish some continuity and promote the views of member groups in an attempt to arrive at a document which could be understood and worked with.</p>	

<p>It was suggested that there should be signs so that groups are aware of the requirements. Tim negotiated an exemption from the Park booking fee for member groups holding an event in its own park.</p>	
<p>Skills Register Groups were asked to email info@naturalkirklees.org giving details of any knowledge or skills which could be shared, but no-one has contacted us. Please let us know what skills are available. It would be a register which would be used mostly for advice which groups need. It is a two-way street and another email explaining what the register is for will be sent out. Slaitwaite Spa need a new chair and treasurer if anyone has experience of finding people.</p>	
<p>Great Green Get-Together 2020 We have been invited by the Organisation Huddersfield Live to take part in a multi-cultural green themed Festival. It will include a food and drink element along with the networking and showcasing. We will need more support from members groups to make it work.</p>	
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Alan had seen an Osprey over Denby Dale at the end of July. David had seen a Hobby at East Bierley. Alan agreed that there are some around this area and they eat dragonflies. David also said that he had 5 hedgehogs in his garden which seem to like Wilko hedgehog food. Great Spotted Woodpeckers have been seen. Willow Tit and Twite are critically endangered because of habitat loss. Rivers Trust would like to make nest boxes for Willow Tit. There was discussion around recorded bird song and apps with bird song but Alan warned that these should be turned off a short time after hearing a reply. Green Woodpeckers have been seen on Dalton Bank. Jill had seen Broad Bodied Chasers in a Quarry above Holmfirth in August.</p>	
<p>Any other Business Environment Kirklees are holding Green Drinks meetings on the evenings of 8th & 12th November at the Media Centre in Huddersfield to discuss environmental issues. East Bierley Village is the only village in the north to receive the Green Flag Community Award. Pollution monitoring is being carried out on the Dearne which rises in Denby Dale. The Environment Agency is treating Japanese Knotweed in Denby Dale. Fenay Beck is being surveyed for Japanese Knotweed. Urban Trout Conclave is holding an exchange of ideas this weekend in Stalybridge. Betty's give grants for trees and environmental projects. Details on their website. Friends of Ramsden Road are holding a Quiz night on 5th October in Holmbridge. River Holme Connections are holding a series of events at Huddersfield University on 22nd October around all environmental</p>	

<p>issues.</p> <p>Slaithwaite Spa was formed in 1830 when 2 springs one Iron and one Sulphur were discovered. At the end of the second world war the park went into decline. It was decided to restore the park and some history of the structure of the park has been unearthed. A meandering path has been unearthed and volunteers are working to restore it (with advice from Wheelchair users) we hope to make it wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>A request for volunteer number of hours which have been put into green spaces for the year should be returned to Andy Wickham as soon as possible. This should also include hours spent in training or attending meetings.</p> <p>There was discussion around cycling through parks and Tim agreed to look at the by-laws.</p>	<p>TD</p>
<p>Date Time and Venue of the next meeting</p> <p>28th November 2019 at 2pm in Beaumont Park Visitor Centre which will be our AGM</p>	