



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Gumption Centre, Glydegate, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD5 0BQ. 19:00 – 20:30.

	Actions
<p>1. Introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 12 in attendance.</li> <li>b. Apologies: Graham Glover, Kate Royce</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Report from signage and interpretation group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Marking beck in city centre. Proposal prepared by Ed. To be discussed with Sheila O'Neill (CBMDC) on 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. May include work by a sound artist. Geoff is trustee of Artworks in Bradford who have ideas. Fishmongers' Trust may be able to sponsor part.</li> <li>b. Bad signage. All old signs have now been covered with new signs to remove negative impression. Congratulations to Steve Bland.</li> <li>c. Waymarking signage. Linked to footpaths group. Will bid to Aspire-I for funding.</li> <li>d. Signage along cycleway. Still to be planned and discussed with CBMDC</li> <li>e. Norwoods area in Shipley: local residents are interested in marking Redbeck.</li> </ul>	<p>Rose/Ed to liaise with Geoff about Artworks.</p> <p>Rose and James to follow up</p> <p>Barney to provide contact in Norwoods</p>
<p>3. Report from footpath group</p> <p>Making progress on walk booklet. Keen to get info on origins of names. Will be looking for funding, maybe Co-op. Next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10am at Northcliffe Park for a walk locally, all welcome – contact Rose.</p>	
<p>4. Becknics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Litter pick beforehand - particular problems around Nisa. About 20 came plus choir, Choir did well and was pleased with publicity. Saw trout! Put funds from Lord Mayor towards the next Becknic.</li> <li>b. Next time: Thornton way. Suggest 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Chellow Dene?</li> </ul>	<p>Eddie to liaise with Richard</p>

<p>Pitty Beck? Bell Dene Rd. Near Middlebrook. Invite choir along again. How about a story-teller?</p>	<p>to find spot.</p>
<p>5. Litter picks</p> <p>September 28, as publicity for next Becknic. Try and use Becknic site!</p>	<p>Graham Glover</p>
<p>6. Report from renaturalisation group.</p> <p>a. Barney has briefed CBMDC on possible sites, especially in Shipley – Canal Rd corridor. Also a landowner has volunteered a site which looks hopeful. Awaiting developments!</p> <p>b. Winter is good time for tree planting. Pick a site! Trees are free from Woodland Trust.</p>	<p>Seek volunteers</p>
<p>7. Chair's report on other activities. Mainly water quality as other items discussed elsewhere on agenda.</p> <p>a. Stuart reported that EA has appointed specialist contractors to visually inspect the Westbrook culvert for pollution issues. £4.5K contract. Kevin reminds us that we need to be able to respond quickly to incidents to locate source.</p> <p>b. Stuart reported on pollution incident reports to EA. 8 substantiated incidents so far in 2013. Possibly a couple missed. Logged as an incident if it appears to have an impact.</p> <p>c. IT IS WELL WORTH REPORTING POLLUTION to EA with photos! Especially in dry conditions.</p> <p>d. Drazendale report that two invertebrate monitoring sites to be started at (i) Cemetery Rd, (ii) near Shipley station.</p>	<p>Kevin to send details of missing incidents to Stuart.</p>
<p>8. The draft constitution for FoBB was discussed. Some amendments were suggested. Meeting agreed to constitution with these amendments. Circulate ready for signing at next meeting.</p>	<p>Barney</p>
<p>9. Open discussion about further activities</p> <p>a. Mitigation measures. Stuart will organise workshop in conjunction with Barney and James for Bradford.</p> <p>b. Possible walk with Bradford Botany Group.</p> <p>c. Geo-caching – can we set up a set on Bradford Beck?</p>	<p>Stuart</p> <p>Eddie and David</p> <p>Steve to follow up with Graham.</p>
<p>10. Websites, Facebook, mailing lists.</p> <p>a. Need to get announcements into T&amp;A and Advertiser.</p>	<p>Pauline agreed to be correspondent – Barney to provide</p>

	contact details.
11. Minutes of last meeting. Agreed	
12. Next meeting – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October  Looking for a cheaper location! Delius art centre? Geoff to enquire. New Beehive, where Green Drinks goes – noisy and dark. Bradford Resource Centre. Bradford City Hall – James to ask.	Geoff  James