



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of meeting on 18th Feb 2013 (draft)

Room 4, Kirkgate Centre, Shipley. 19:00 – 21:00.

1. Introductions		Action by:
<p>Attended: Eddie Lawler, Rose Reeve, Geoff Rooks, Kevin Sunderland, Graham Glover, Geoff Roberts, Steve Bland, David Brazendale, David Bryan, Caroline English, Wayne Brannan, Stuart Jenkinson, Kate Royce, Brian Rowntree, Rob Martin, Cllr Martin Love, Michael Canning, Barney Lerner</p>		
2. Report on developments since publication of plan document		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Circulated to Councillors, Council Officers, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, various voluntary groups. b. EA has written cautious letter of support. c. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has supported the plan. d. Environment Committee of CBMDC has put it on agenda for April meeting and invited Barney to present. e. No response from Yorkshire Water yet, Barney will follow up soon. f. Through Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe, Barney invited to meet with consultants to Urbo to discuss plan. Probably 27th Feb g. Press release (via University of Sheffield) underway (4th March). 		<p>Barney</p> <p>Ditto</p> <p>Ditto</p> <p>Ditto</p>
3. Working with Bradford Council. Kevin explained his work on the Bullgreave Beck tributary and surrounding woodlands. It was identified as a potential trout spawning habitat but suffering from blockages, flytipping, motor-biking etc. Very positive response from Council staff, and clean-up underway; a good example of how action can be taken at low cost, Kevin happy to offer advice to others on how to take such activities forward.		
4. Selecting activity areas to take forward. The 12 activity areas were discussed, and it was agreed that the projects would be worked on by groups as follows:		
1. Renaturalisation demonstration	Major funding required (£800K?) e.g. lottery bid. Will need engagement of EA, CBMDC, landowners. David Bryan may be able to help.	Barney
2. Water quality issues	For discussion with EA and YW, possibly under collaborative management group (4)	
3. FoBB	See below	

4. Collaborative management	CBMDC will be asked to take a lead on this.	Barney, Martin Love
5. Water and riverside stewardship	Stuart to investigate if EA can support. Wayne willing to help.	Stuart Jenkinson
6. Signage and interpretation	Butterfields have offered to make signs. Michael is building initial website for interpretation activity.	Rose Reeve, Steve Bland, David Brazendale, Barney Lerner
6b. Footpaths		Rose Reeve, Geoff Rooks, Caroline English, David Brazendale
7. Nature trails and beck improvements	Litter pick, 23 rd March. Probably at Cemetery Rd and Asda.	Michael Canning
8. Footpaths and cycle routes	To focus on (a) Biking the Beck or similar, ie actually getting on bikes! (b) cycle routes to west of city. Liaise with Tom Jones of CBMDC	Graham Glover, Eddie Lawler
9. Tributaries and wetlands	Barney has written to various Friends groups (Chellow Dene, Northcliffe, Heaton Woods, Pitty Beck) and will report back if any response. Bullgreave Beck project to continue.	Barney Kevin Sunderland
10. Schools and education	No action at this stage.	
11. Flood risk management	CBMDC responsibility.	
12. Invasive species control	No action at this stage.	
5. Organising FoBB		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agreed we need a formal organisation and regular meetings. b. Chair – Barney Lerner c. Secretary – Wayne Brennan d. Webmaster – Steve Bland (once Michael has constructed site) e. Events: Litter pick, 23rd March. f. Publicity. Barney will organise a pull-up poster and take to Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society event 19th April 		Michael Canning Barney
6. Next meeting 29 th April (Monday, 7pm)		
Eddie will investigate availability of free room. Wayne will prepare agenda and circulate invitation (~3 weeks in advance?)		Wayne Brennan, Eddie Lawler

Map of Tributaries

