



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of meeting on Monday 20th January 2014

Kirkgate Centre, 39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH. 19:00 – 20:30.

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| <p>1. Present: Duncan Simpson, Graham Glover, Dave Mould, James Ravenhill, Steve Bland, Elizabeth MacDonald, Francis Wilson, Rosa Foster, Geoff Roberts, Stuart Jenkinson, Ed Butterworth, Sophie Vanicat, David Brazendale, Kevin Sunderland, Sara Dixon, Rose Reeve</p> <p>2. Apologies: Eddie Lawler, Pauline Ford, Alan Keighley, Ben Tongue, Simon Jepps</p> | |
| <p>3. Report from signage and interpretation group</p> <p>a. City centre project: Way forward to work with Artworks to bid to Lottery for funding. Will be all aspects: medallions, listening posts, interpretation boards.</p> <p>b. Waymarking signage designed, funding bid to Gannett to cover this and footpaths booklet.</p> <p>c. Photo competition: Draft brief and rules circulated. Comments requested by end of next week. Competition close end July. Bid for money for publicity made to Aspire-i. Will need to seek funds for prizes.</p> | <p>Rose Reeve, Ed Butterworth</p> <p>Steve Bland</p> |
| <p>4. Report from footpath group. Walked all routes, doing directions, will ask people to test routes. Trial on website and FB – volunteers will be requested. About £2500 needed for 6000 booklets, combine bid with waymarking signage.</p> | <p>Rose Reeve, Ed Butterworth</p> |
| <p>5. Report from invasives group. Objective to map and destroy Knotweed! Need funding to train people with pesticides (£255/head). Will bid to BTC and ART has underwritten training. Will need volunteers to do mapping etc. Try for landowner money – eg Asda, Morrisons, Seabrooks – have already contacted Shipley Exchange. May be a method to extend a YWT mapping tool for voles.</p> | <p>Francis Wilson to write call for volunteers.</p> <p>Francis and Dan to prepare funding bid</p> |
| <p>6. Report from Environment Agency.</p> <p>a. Report on incidents – only 3 recently, and not were causes of Beck pollution.</p> <p>b. EA has reviewed BB plan and converted to WFD talk and added to River Basin Management process – doesn't guarantee they will happen!</p> | <p>Stuart to send copy of EA version of BB plan.</p> |

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| c. EA – being reorganised again. | |
| <p>7. River restoration projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shipley Exchange (Shipley Station, Crag Rd). Barney to follow up and try and hold them to their offers to restore the Beck. Also interested in Knotweed eradication, and will be funding signage in their area. b. Beehive Mills site. U of Bradford. Concept explained. Discussed. Rosa to find out how similar project funded in Manchester. Dave and Barney to encourage Bradford Uni to take forward, starting by linking up with Council. | <p>Barney</p> <p>Dave Mould, Rosa Foster, Barney</p> |
| <p>8. Fly-tipping (Bradford Uni student project). James Ravenhill explained project, will end with a management plan. Bull Greave Beck is worst. Lots of rags from CSOs. Will be discussing with Council to understand responsibilities. Suggested designing a leaflet for households.</p> | <p>James will send report end April.</p> |
| <p>9. Chair’s report on other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Talk to Saltaire WI. Baildon asked for one too. b. Removal of “contaminated water” signs agreed with Council, we hope James Brass can organise, otherwise we will. c. Reported on discussions about CSOs (combined sewer overflows) held with EA (Kevin and Barney). Agreed to develop a project to monitor CSOs in Beck catchment over say a year to gather evidence on which discharged and when. Must liaise with Yorkshire Water. Rosa volunteered to organise a group. d. Discussions about Odeon site. Barney met BradfordOne last year to discuss culvert under site and opportunity for daylighting. Barney met another group thinking of developing swimming pool and sports facilities and explained to them the difficulties of building over it. e. Report to CBMDC Environment Committee due in March. f. Twitter account set up @BradfordsBecks g. Will be present at Saltaire Connected this Saturday, Kirkgate Centre | <p>James Brass</p> <p>Rosa</p> <p>We will need to respond to their EOI at end of Jan</p> |
| <p>10. Future development of FOBB. Agreed not to pursue extra activities at this stage (Membership drive, Fundraising drive).</p> | |
| <p>11. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rosw had email from Claire Wright re cycleway. Keen to keep linear park concept alive, will set up a group. Bradford Canal Rd greenway on FB. b. Graham does BCB – Tuesday broadcast “Our top ten”. 1-3 people needed towards end of Feb. c. Wetherspoons in city centre has a graphic on history of Beck! | <p>Rose and Graham to volunteer</p> <p>Stuart volunteered</p> |
| <p>12. Minutes of last meeting. Accuracy agreed, No matters arising.</p> | |

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| <p>13. Becknics and litter picks – reminder of dates</p> <p>Becknics: 6th April, 14th September Litter Picks: Saturday 22nd March, 10th May – note original dates were wrong (Sunday given)</p> | |
| <p>14. Next meeting – Monday 7th April 2014. Then July and in October.</p> | |