



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Item	Action by
<p><b>Present:</b> Kevin, Graham, Ed, David, Irene, Nick, Barney, Elisabeth, Wendy, John, Rob, David, Sara, Rachel,  <b>Apologies:</b> Eddie, Rachel (EA), Rose, James,</p>	
<p><b>Quarterly meeting – plans for the coming period</b></p>	
<p>1. Footpath signage – update</p> <p>Council Estates Dept not being helpful any more, making us deal with several separate depts. We have to find land owners for non Council sites. Could ask Syd Simpson for maps for Land Registry. Offer from Julian Jackson to help has come to nothing. Butterfields will do the work. There is risk of missing to Co-op deadline to spend.</p>	<p>Graham – keep up the good work!</p>
<p>2. Information boards</p> <p>Wendy and co have found some sites, including Aire Valley Greenway.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have got permission to take a shop window in Sunwin House for at least 6 months. Busy designing something for the window. Will paint the window frame first. Irene says to contact Aisha Khan who is turning it into an Arts hub.</li> <li>2. Hoping to put something up in Tyrell St, has contacted Jonny Noble.</li> <li>3. Wendy meeting with Mike Dobson (CMBDC) on Wednesday re AVG.</li> <li>4. Following up Mike's suggestion to put name plates on bridges to identify the Becks. White on green. Elisabeth and Wendy will be out looking for sites if anyone wants to join them.</li> <li>5. Suggesting getting more plaques trail leaflets - agreed. John has a contact at Printcraft.</li> </ol>	<p>Wendy - keep up the good work!</p> <p>Barney to send maps to Wendy.</p>

<p>3. Wild flower planting</p> <p>We will do some “guerrilla planting” on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Crag Rd at 2pm if anyone wants to join in</p> <p>In discussion with CBMDC about some more widespread planting, possibly planters, also doing more planting along AVG to cut down on maintenance of grass. It may be better to grow and plant plug plants suited to the sites rather than scatter seeds. Need a plan with the Council first.</p>	<p>Rachel and Barney to sow seeds, Rachel to follow up with Council.</p>
<p>4. Litter picks</p> <p>2 good Litterpicks on Thurs and Fri last week, a dozen or so volunteers at each. Spotted a pollution source.</p> <p>Next event 18<sup>th</sup> May, Valley Rd.</p> <p>John will try and get the gap between the previous picks covered by recruiting some locals – will let us know if a date is fixed.</p>	<p>John</p>
<p>5. Becksides Buddies (Riparian Guardians)</p> <p>This is idea of recruiting people/businesses alongside the becks to keep an eye out for problems, especially pollution. Mike is compiling a list of addresses above Cemetery Rd, Rob is on with a list for Shipley-Canal Rd, Barney is thinking about communications.</p> <p>Concern that riparian owners will think they are responsible for any problems, eg flood risk. Need to make an offer they find attractive, not scare them into thinking big brother is watching. Link to Miss Connection, flood risk action.</p>	<p>Barney, Mike and Rob to continue. Next discussion 10<sup>th</sup> May.</p>
<p>6. Plastics</p> <p>Making progress with YW on the main river, taken someone out at Esholt. Rob sent some samples to YW but no response. Kevin will follow up with Robert Storey.</p> <p>Is there a statutory requirement for YW to clean up -Rob to send info to Kevin.</p> <p>We need to take good photos after litterpicks to prove when the wet wipes come back after we have cleared up.</p>	<p>Rob to send details of contact with YW to Kevin.</p>

<p>7. Natural Flood Management</p> <p>Leeds FAS2 is installing pilot projects, including Harden Moor.</p> <p>Nick met Una and Holly from EA, but no news for us. It will be next year before there is an opportunity</p> <p>Leaky dams put in by horse at Harden Moor just before storms – Wendy took video -they work.</p>	
<p>8. Sediment controls</p> <p>EA has provided some material they have used for education in the past. No progress otherwise.</p>	
<p>9. Pollution monitoring</p> <p>Turbidity monitors – waiting for funding. All gone quiet on YW front despite promises.</p> <p>Sediment spotted in Hole Bottom Beck – camera installed takes a picture every minute, data shared with EA.</p>	<p>Barney to chase Matt Hill at YW</p>
<p>10. Renaturalisation project</p> <p>Action on fish passage all agreed and waiting on WTT/EA for action. Waiting to see the Council planting programme.</p>	
<p>11. Education Project “Miss Connection”</p> <p>Some sessions with Feversham School. Hard to sell sessions to schools due to cuts. Trying to link up with arty organisations to get into groups. Irene is adapting material to suit groups, eg adding a litter story. Irene has put in a proposal for Saltaire Festival.</p>	<p>Irene – keep trying!</p>
<p>12. Knotweed eradication</p> <p>Need to develop a plan for this year.</p> <p>Concern raised about status of Glyphosate as a potential carcinogen – Nick to contact EA for advice.</p>	<p>Nick to contact Kamran and develop a plan</p>
<p>13. No report from EA</p>	

<p>14. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Report to CBMDC Environment Scrutiny Committee (circulated). Will be presented 16<sup>th</sup> April. Will be asking for help with signposts.</li> <li>b. Barney was on Radio Leeds morning Drive Time about the Becks in We are Bradford week.</li> <li>c. Eddie was interviewed by Radio Leeds about the Becks last week</li> <li>d. BBC Yorkshire rang:   <p>“I’m just getting in touch from the BBC Yorkshire Digital Team, we’re looking at making several short digital videos about communities in Bradford. I’m really interested in the work the Friends of Bradford Becks are doing to re-introduce wildlife to the area and would love to know some more – especially when you’re actively working to help wildlife live there. If you could let me know about when you’re doing any work like that, it’d be great.”</p> </li> <li>e. Orange stream a few weeks ago – John tried to find the source. Around Chat Hill. Happened about 5 years ago as well. Probably old mine workings.</li> </ul>	
<p>15. Minutes of last meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Feb workshop).</p> <p>All projects actioned.</p>	
<p>16. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July (AGM)</li> <li>ii. Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Litter pick 18<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Barney to add to website and FB</p>