



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 14th Oct 2019

Item	Action
<p>Present: Geoff Wendy, Rose, John, David, Graham, David, Hugh, Matt, Nick, Barney, Rob</p> <p>Apologies: Irene, Ed, Rachel (EA), Sara, Kevin,</p>	
<p>Quarterly meeting – progress in last quarter and plans for the coming period</p>	
<p>1. DNAire – awarded! Joint project between EA and ART. Funded by NLHF, YW and lots of others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Headline is, Salmon back to Gargrave. Not just salmon, fish passes will suit all species. b. 4 fish passes being built next year by EA c. ART to do £600K's worth of education and community engagement. Lots of training on offer. Needs lots of volunteers! d. Not just the main river Aire, tributaries have a role 	
<p>2. Footpath signage and Information boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All permissions in place for footpath signs b. Signs contracted from Council sign shop, and their workmen will put will them in. c. THJ Hughes window board still in d. Sign for plaques trail will be up in city centre soon. e. Outstanding: A1 sign on greenway. No permission needed. Artwork needs to be finished, then manufacture and installation. f. Thanks and congratulations to Graham and Wendy for their perserverance. 	<p>Graham, Wendy – keep the pressure on</p>

<p>3. Pollution monitoring – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carr/Fagley Beck. Polluted virtually everyday by sediment. Multiple reports to EA. b. Barnsley Beck – some dye tracing done, inconclusive, needs more work c. Hole Bottom Beck, Queensbury Tunnel. The contractors have withdrawn! d. EA were asked for a summary of past 12 months. They actually provided a detailed table for one month up to 7th Oct. It does have the notes of how the incidents were investigated and actions taken. Barnsley Beck (1) and Fagley/Carr Beck (multiple) incidents included. Not shared as too detailed. 	<p>All – keep spotting and reporting!</p>
<p>4. Discussion about planning conditions for new builds – why cant planning impose a condition about preventing sediment escape to watercourses during construction? Drainage Dept have said they don't have the powers. FOBB member Paul F says a condition can be imposed. Could there be a Environment Protection Consent and well as a Land Drainage consent?</p>	<p>Barney and Rob to follow up again with CBMDC</p>
<p>5. Joint Pollution monitoring project with Yorkshire Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation by Matt, particularly on the 'high flow' project for AMP7. About 7 water quality sondes in place already. Also some flow monitors. Modelling of sewage system will be undertaken next year using the data from these monitors. b. All CSOs will have event monitors by end of year. c. 'Dry weather' project is about misconnections. Joint with FOBB. Starts in spring, but we need to get planning and preparing. d. Real time river level data available online at www.gaugemap.co.uk e. FOBB will be looking at cheap monitoring, eg cameras, conductivity meters. f. Volunteers needed! Rose offered to help, depending. Diane also offered by email. Rose, Hugh, Nick Barney Rob to think about recruiting volunteers g. Request made to Matt for some GIS expert time to help with GIS and linking to a recording app, supporting new ART employee Abby. h. YW/FOBB should get a plan organised 	<p>Rose, Hugh, Nick Barney Rob to meet</p> <p>Matt to consult in YW</p> <p>Rob, Matt, Barney to meet</p>
<p>6. Enforcement Undertakings – no news. Still sediment discharge at Keepmoat.</p>	

7. Beck Buddies – apparently Middlebrook hasn't received any leaflets. Barney to ask Mike to find where they were distributed to.	Mike
8. Plastics – iCASP doing a review on methods of removing macroplastics and might apply it to Aire	
9. Stewardship days (litter picks) – nothing planned	
<p>10. Renaturalisation project – update by email from Andrew (CBMDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Initial clearance between the Beck and the Valley Road Bridge (where it crosses the scrap yard) has been instructed and should be on site asap. This mostly involves grubbing up non-native shrubs. This might be a good place for some plug planting but it is quite steep. b. Procurement process for the fish passes complete. The aim is to have the passes in this winter (weather permitting). c. Drainage consent is now in place for the fish passes. d. Flood Risk consent from the EA is not required. I have an e-mail to confirm this. e. Detailed plan and schedule for habitat creation almost complete this will be tabled at Board meeting on 15th Oct. f. Barney to circulate a note afterwards g. An outline business case has gone in for the Bradford Shipley Improvement Route. We hope to get the de-culverting done on the back that scheme but we'll just have to wait and see. h. Bradford have put in a bid for £1.7M from ESIF for deculverting and landscape improvements 	Barney
<p>11. Education Project “Miss Connection” – Update by email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Irene spoke to approx. 200 people at Saltaire Festival. b. Keighley event has been postponed c. No schools have taken up the offer of an assembly recently 	
12. Knotweed eradication – Wendy and Nick have been out, problems of access due to high water. Did 1km Harden Beck today. Good signs of improvement in several places. A new volunteer Keith did a good job on surveying.	

<p>13. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Look North item on Bradford Beck pollution, 22nd Aug. Short, and disappeared from iPlayer the next day! b. Barney and Bob Harris gave the introductory talk to the CaBA Data and Evidence Forum, Bristol, 18th September c. Also gave a short talk on using time lapse cameras for pollution at CaBA forum; thanks to Rob for the actual footage! d. Report from The Rivers Trust conference, 8th Oct, York <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Actually a bit dull, lots about “governance”, but met lots of old friends and contacts ii. Most interesting was a talk on how do financial engineering to get the insurance industry and others to fund NFM e. Possible donation from Printcraft – John to follow up. We would use it for monitoring equipment. f. Should we try for a glass roof on the Beck somewhere. Perhaps a viewing room in Rimington’s cellar. 	
<p>14. Minutes of last meeting. All OK and actions done</p>	
<p>15. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mon 13th Jan ii. Mon 6th Apr b. Other events (eg Aire Care) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Barney presenting to Addingham 4 Becks group, Wed 16th Oct, evening ii. Also Shipley Men’s Forum, 12th Mar, 10-12 iii. Also Heaton History Soc, 6th Apr 14:15-15:00 	