



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Report for quarterly 'meeting' on Monday 6th Apr 2020

Facebook live at 7:30 pm.

Item	
<p>Quarterly meeting – progress in last quarter and plans for the coming period</p>	
<p>1. Footpath signage and Information boards – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Graham has been awarded a “Hotel Break for Hidden Heroes” for his sterling work in battling Bradford’s bureaucracy and getting the signs installed. b. Due to COVID19 work has stopped on getting the last couple of information boards done along the Canal Rd reach. 	
<p>2. “Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement”, including deculverting and renaturalisation from Stanley Rd to Briggate - no news</p>	
<p>3. Renaturalisation project Aire - Briggate – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (see photos) The planting work has been completed by Bradford’s contractor. Amongst other things, they’ve cleared access down to the beck from the Briggate/Valley Rd junction and put an experimental pre-planted coir roll in along the bank. <p>A fish easement is being designed for the gauging weir at Shipley, we hope funding for construction will come this FY.</p>	



4. Joint Pollution monitoring project with Yorkshire Water

PollutionWatch 

Rather blown away by COVID-19!! We haven't had a formal launch although I have emailed out instructions to get the 'app' and use it. Several people have successfully set it up on their phones and made some reports – we have 32 so far excluding test runs. Reports from the monitoring locations when there is no pollution are valuable as well.

Despite the supposed closure of many businesses, there is still pollution happening, see photos of Carr Mires Beck (left; discharges to the Aire opposite Wickes in Baildon) and cloudiness in the Beck at Shipley Station.

Anyone who wants a re-issue of the instructions or who is having problems, please email Barney



5. Enforcement Undertakings – no news	
6. Stewardship days (litter picks) – all cancelled due to lockdown	
7. Education Project “Miss Connection” – Update Irene did a session at Addingham Primary in March.	
8. Knotweed eradication -update – no news, affected by lockdown.	
9. Report to Bradford Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 4 th March. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report submitted (copy on website). The key request was for the Council to start imposing and enforcing a planning condition to prevent sediment runoff from construction sites. • The date of meeting changed several times and I missed it. However I did attend the briefing for the Chair a couple of weeks beforehand to make the key point. • The minutes of the meeting mainly acknowledge the report and cooperation with thanks. However there was also an action on Chris Eaton, a senior officer, to explore the idea of a planning condition and report back – a reasonably good outcome. 	

<p>10. Should we join www.marinet.org.uk ?</p> <p><i>Marinet</i> is a community marine campaigning organisation. Their next major focus is headed Sand, Sea and Sewage, which seems to me to link directly with our issues of becks and river waters, and I feel that their work might be of interest to members of FOBB, and useful to some. It might be worth our while to subscribe as an organisation.</p> <p>This is a suggestion from Elisabeth. Membership is £1, for individuals, they don't mention groups.</p> <p>My view is that their remit is too wide for us, but that individuals should be encouraged to join to show their support for the wider campaigns.</p>	<p>Email Barney if you think FOBB should join as a group</p>
<p>11. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barney gave a talk to Shipley Men's forum. b. Talk to Heaton History Society postponed. c. Barney due to have discussions with U of Sheffield and Council about a pilot project on introducing SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems). 	
<p>12. Minutes of last meeting – on website</p>	
<p>13. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mon 6th July This will be AGM 	