



Minutes

General Meeting Wed 15th November 2023

Item		Action
1	<p><u>Welcome from the Chair</u> (Marilyn Banister). 12 people attending Apologies from Chris Steele, Maria Rovisco, Dale Smith and Goodith White</p>	
2	<p><u>Friends of Wharfedale Greenway</u> presentation from Colm McCann who set out the background to the setting up of the Friends Group in 2021 Also the development of the Greenway since 2005 when Sustrans proposed a route from Addingham to Bolton Bridge on what was an almost intact old railway line. Addingham were not keen and by 2017 local councils got involved in looking at routes for Burley to Addingham. In 2019, Otley to Burley got planning permission which has now expired and there are huge issues with money as well as routes. FOWG have been running a survey in 2023 to assess knowledge of and interest in the Greenway. This questionnaire documents responses and support steering committee, funding applications etc. with approx 1289 responses to date and majority in support. Good publicity and has generated offers of voluntary funding. Please spread the word, share on Social Media, put posters up etc. Information was given on other greenways in the local area and their benefits to local communities as well as directly for walking, cycling, riding etc. i.e. tourism. FOWG needs a Menston rep to represent the community, to promote events and publicity and help shape community engagement so please contact FOWG if any interest. Group discussion then took place on how people might use the Greenway and how people currently travel to Otley, Ilkley and Burley. Currently, car, walk, bus and train.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concerns re biodiversity loss but could be a nature corridor but tarmac?</li> <li>● Lots of access points needed.</li> <li>● Cycling back up to Menston on main road is hard.</li> <li>● Access to Aireborough Leisure Centre would be good.</li> <li>● Waste Not in Burley</li> <li>● Otley Market</li> <li>● Libraries</li> <li>● Great for safe cycling for children.</li> </ul> <p>Website background has detailed information on proposals - <a href="https://friendsofwharfedalegreenway.org.uk/">https://friendsofwharfedalegreenway.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
2	<p><a href="#">Minutes of meeting on 20.9.2023</a></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
3	<p><u>Publicity/Comms</u> - no update.</p>	-
4	<p><u>Membership</u> - 25 members</p>	

5	<u>Finance report &amp; Funding applications</u> Available funds; £945	
6	<b>Updates from Groups:</b>	<b>Lead</b>
6.1	<u>Health and Happiness</u> - no update	-
6.2	<u>Equity and local economy</u> Menston Businesses backing Climate Action - new group to be formed. Rev Proudlove replacement and Menston Parish Council reps sought.	MB
6.3	<u>Culture and Community</u> Climate Pledges to be followed up.  Menston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan community consultation launched via website, posters and paper copies. All please do send any input and may build work groups around green issues. Organisations can do group submissions. Feed via link into <a href="#">MPC Neighbourhood Plan survey</a>	MB  All
6.4	<u>Land and Nature (incl. MANT news)</u> MANT due to complete on Weston Wood purchase 1/12/23. Silent auction launched to raise funds live until 10/12/23. Donations of items or services offered sought to bid on please.	MB  All
6.5	<u>Sustainable Water</u> - no update but water flow management leaflet available.	-
6.6	<u>Local and sustainable food</u> - no update Kirklands Community Fridge still very successful.	-
6.7	<u>Travel and Transport</u> Main Street school crossing and 20mph scheme awaited.  Walking leaflet distributed to all new properties plus Ellar Gardens.  LBA Airspace change proposals - petition from Bob Felstead launched.	MB
6.8	<u>Materials and Products</u> - no update	-
6.9	<u>Zero Waste</u> Blister packs being recycled at St John's church but not keen to promote further.  Recycling and upcycling event on 6th Jan between 10-12 at Kirklands. Blister packs & crisp packets collection and Christmas cards to be made into tags.  Books can be recycled at WH Smith for e-gift vouchers <a href="https://www.whsmith.co.uk/brands/whsbookcycle/">https://www.whsmith.co.uk/brands/whsbookcycle/</a>	
6.10	<u>Zero Carbon Energy</u> Information on CAM website re; experiences of people with solar panels/batteries. Anyone willing to share information on air source heat pumps, please get in touch.	All

7.	<b>AOB</b> Literature on air pollution, water slowing and walking leaflets available.	
8	<b>Next General meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2024, 7.30 at Kirklands.</b>	