

KLAW Committee Meeting 15 April 2024 – Minutes

The meeting was held using Teams, arranged by Rory Harding (KWT).

Present: Marie Dipple (KWT); Dave Casey; Sally Edge; Keith Dugmore (Secretary, & acting Chair for this meeting); Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer).

Apologies: Rory Harding, Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Keith welcomed Marie, KWT Local Wildlife Sites Officer, who was standing in for Rory.	
2.	Membership, and the survey of members There had been no new members to report since the last meeting. Jenny's analysis of the survey had been presented and discussed at the AGM, with a range of actions resulting (see below).	
3.	Grants & other financial support At the AGM on 23 March Rebecca Smith had offered to investigate whether the University of Kent could support a short workshop for members on successful grant applications and fund raising, and also pointed to the Are you looking for funding? The Wildlife Trusts link which would be added to the KLAW website.	Keith / Rebecca Jenny
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help The following were raised at the AGM: - Records sent to KMBRC – how can they be accessed? - Sound recording. Seek expert advice.	Amanda B Keith
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Recent: - Film: "Six inches of soil" https://www.sixinchesofsoil.org/ had been shown on 27 March at Bank Farm, Aldington. Planned: - Making Space for Nature. Kent MSN's Alexa Murray-Mujtaba (who is now with KCC) will present a Zoom session to KLAW members on 1st May. - Nightingales and Turtle Doves (keeping fingers crossed that they return). Mystole Orchard – now fixed for Sunday 5 May. - Wild flower meadow (1). Janet Upson in May. Under discussion. - Wild flower meadow (2). Carol Davis in June. Under discussion. - Barn Owl workshop at Godmersham on 13 June (with Dan Tuson's farmers' group). - Naturalists' Picnic. Mystole Orchard. August. - Bat evening. Mystole Orchard. Summer. - Bird ringing and / or meadow management at Walmer. Summer. - Langdon Garden on 14 September. Wildlife-Friendly Open Garden in association with Kent Wildlife.	Keith Jenny & Keith Rory Keith Keith Jenny & Keith Jenny & Keith Dave Sally

	- Plastics. Bob had volunteered to give an initial short lunchtime online talk be targeted primarily at KWT staff, to be followed by a longer session one evening. Rory would plan the dates & times with Bob, then Keith would publicise to members. At the AGM the following additional possible events were discussed: - Soil Health Day, Lower Cock Ash, near Ashford – Jo Wills - Bumblebee Conservation at Bainbridge Farm, Romney Marsh – Eleanor Davies - Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management – Frankie Woodgate - Highwood Farm, Dunkirk tour (inc. dormice) – Nicola Smith - Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury, a second visit – Michael Walter Events: pond creation. It was agreed that if event venues have ponds, this should be included in the publicity / invitation. Events: transport. The possibility of members sharing cars should be included in the publicity / invitation. Event hosting. Jenny’s ideas about “Being a Host”, and “Helping a Host” would be added to KLAW’s website.	Rory & Bob Keith Keith (Possibly) (Possibly) (Possibly) Keith Keith Jenny
6.	Publicity KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 19 March. KLAW’s website had been updated by Jenny, drawing on responses to the survey, and more information including Q&A, grants, contractors, legacies, and minutes of these committee meetings were being added. At the AGM KWT’s Managing Land for a Wilder Kent booklet had been agreed to be a valuable resource: there’s a link on the KLAW website landing page. New members would be alerted to it, and Rory would seek to source a printed copy for each existing member. Rory had earlier confirmed that KWT’s website was being updated, and would include links to KLAW’s website and our April 2023 leaflet. The next issue of KWT’s magazine (Summer 2024) could feature a KLAW case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Jenny Rory Rory SallyE
7.	Any Other Business Sally had attended an excellent wildlife recording workshop at Ash led by Neil Coombs of KWT. We might seek to arrange one for KLAW members. Sally and Dave both praised https://www.field-studies-council.org/fsc-natural-history-courses/ citing the course on Discovering Bees – Online. Marie’s news of KWT’s Local Wildlife Sites was of great interest, both for KLAW members to register, and as a potential source of new KLAW members. Marie would provide information to be circulated.	(ALL) Marie / Keith
8.	Date of next committee meeting Rory has to set up meetings for 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3rd Monday of each month, the next being on 20 May.	