

KLAW Committee Meeting 15 July 2024 – Minutes v1

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

Present: Rory Harding (Chair); Sally Edge; Dave Casey; Keith Dugmore (Secretary); Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer).

Apologies: Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed the members of the committee.	
2.	Membership We were pleased to have attracted two new members: - Landholder: Julia Brant, who has 6 acres of chalk grassland at Kingston, near Canterbury. Julia became aware of KLAW through Helen Pitman of KWT. - Supporter: Mitchell Rae, who lives at Walderslade and works for the Environment Bank on Biodiversity Net Gain, and became aware of KLAW through Richard Coleman. Keith had investigated which geographical level is best to map aggregated members' locations to indicate their distribution across Kent, and concluded that Postal Districts (the first half of a postcode, e.g. CT5) is the best option, giving good geographical detail (c. 70 areas in Kent) without revealing individual locations. Keith would send a file of members' postal districts to Rory, who would check whether they could be mapped by a KWT colleague.	Keith, Rory
3.	Grants & other financial support The committee would continue to seek more information about sources of grants for members.	
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Sound recording: - Keith had identified a useful link about nocmig (recording nocturnal migration), which would be added to the KLAW website. - Rory reported that there were also listening devices available to identify insects such as bees.	Keith, Jenny
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Recent: - Bumblebee Conservation at Bainbridge Farm, Romney Marsh – Eleanor Davies. 19 June. - Goodnestone Park. KWT Open Garden (near Aylesham). 7 July. - Soil Health Day, Lower Cock Ash – Jo Wills. 13 July. Planned: - Moth trapping. Rory to discuss with Amanda Brookman. - KLAW Picnic. Mystole Orchard. [If it proves to be practicable].	Rory Jenny & Keith

	• Bat evening. Mystole Orchard. August / September. • Bird ringing and meadow management at Walmer. Summer. • Langdon Garden 14 September. Wildlife-Friendly Open Garden. • Highwood Farm, Dunkirk tour, inc. dormice. 22 September – Nicola Smith. • Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management – Frankie Woodgate. Autumn. • Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury, a second visit – Michael Walter	Jenny & Keith Dave Sally Keith Keith (Possibly)
6.	Publicity KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 25 June, and another would be sent after this meeting. KLAW's website had been further updated by Jenny. KWT's Managing Land for a Wilder Kent booklet was a valuable resource. New members would be sent one, and copies would be made available for distribution at KLAU events. Rory had earlier confirmed that KWT's website was being updated, and would include links to KLAU's website. A future issue of KWT's magazine could feature a KLAU case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Keith Rory Rory SallyE
7.	Any Other Business KWT's Local Wildlife Sites. These were of great interest, both for KLAU members to register, and as a potential source of new KLAU members. A link to the latest LWS Newsletter would be sent to members, together with information about LWS, and how members can register and / or be added to the mailing list.	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 19 August.	