

KLAW Committee Meeting 17 June 2024 – Minutes v1

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

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

Apologies: Dave Casey, Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed the committee members. Although the meeting did not meet the committee's quorum of five, there was merit in checking progress.	
2.	Membership Rory had been in touch with new Landholder member Karen Bowles, helping her to seek a grant for hedge-laying, and would post her a printed copy of KWT's Managing Land for a Wilder Kent booklet. Keith would investigate which geographical level is best to map aggregated members' locations to indicate their distribution across Kent (without revealing precise addresses).	Rory Keith
3.	Grants & other financial support 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 https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/are-you-looking-funding (to added to the KLAW website).	Keith to chase Rebecca again Jenny
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help - Records sent to KMBRC – Amanda Brookman had sent information about access. - Sound recording. Keith had identified a useful link about nocmig (recording nocturnal migration). Both would be added to the KLAW website	Jenny
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Recent: - Barn Owl workshop at Godmersham on 13 June (with Dan Tuson's farmers' group). Planned: - 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. - KLAW Picnic. Mystole Orchard. August. - Bat evening. Mystole Orchard. Summer. - Bird ringing and / or meadow management at Walmer. Summer. - Langdon Garden 14 September. Wildlife-Friendly Open Garden.	Keith Rory Keith Jenny & Keith Jenny & Keith Dave Sally

	- Highwood Farm, Dunkirk tour (inc. dormice?) – Nicola Smith - Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management – Frankie Woodgate. Autumn. - 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. - Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury, a second visit – Michael Walter	Keith Keith Rory to ring Bob (Possibly)
6.	Publicity KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 12 May, 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 KLAW events. Rory had earlier confirmed that KWT's website was being updated, and would include links to KLAW's website and our April 2023 leaflet. A future issue of KWT's magazine could feature a KLAW case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Keith Rory Rory SallyE
7.	Any Other Business KWT's Local Wildlife Sites were of great interest, both for KLAW members to register, and as a potential source of new KLAW members. Rory would check whether Keith's article about KLAW was being included in the current / next LWS Newsletter. Making Space for Nature. Members had been invited to register their own land. The project has now launched its Priorities for Nature mapping tool, which asks where you would like to see future nature recovery targeted, creating a wish list of locations for action that the project can draw on: https://www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk/getinvolved/priorities-for-nature/	Rory
8.	Date of next committee meeting Rory has to set up meetings for 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3 rd Monday of each month, the next being on 15 July.	