

KLAW Committee Meeting 18 March 2024 – Minutes

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

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

Apologies: Bob & Sharon Hogben.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Committee members welcomed Rory's return from paternity leave.	
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 – summary statistics, detailed individual comments, and potential priority topics – had been sent to committee members on 12 March. Jenny was keen to receive comments ASAP on priorities in advance of discussion at the AGM to then identify future events, members who are happy to help, and Q/A details for the website.	ALL
3.	Grants & other financial support Keith had sought notes on members' experiences of obtaining grants from Nicola Smith, and Ed Kyrke-Smith (who had sent some comments, which could be discussed at the AGM).	
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Jenny had added Rory's briefing note on Apps to our website. Further reviews would be welcomed, in addition to responses from the survey.	
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW) Recent: - Hedgerow workshops. The events at Marden (26 Feb) and Shadoxhurst (27 Feb) had been attended by several KLAW members. Dave reported: "<i>Had a great day today – excellent presentation by Megan and really good demo by Rob Graham.</i>" - Amanda and Rob Brookman's "Managing woodlands for wildlife" with the Forestry Commission at their land in Denge Woods on 11 March had been enjoyed by 15 members. Planned: - 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. - Making Space for Nature. Rory would see whether Kent MSN's Alexa Murray-Mujtaba (who is now with KCC) might present a Zoom session to KLAW members. - Film: "Six inches of soil" https://www.sixinchesofsoil.org/ Rory had contacted Ed Kyrke-Smith, who had pointed to a viewing arranged by a farming group in Kent. Keith would broadcast details.	Rory, Bob, Keith Rory Keith

	• Nightingales and Turtle Doves (keeping fingers crossed that they return). Mystole Orchard – now fixed for Sunday 5 May. • Wild flower meadow (1). Janet Upson hoped to hold this event jointly with Rory in May, avoiding the bank holiday and half-term. Rory would see if Rob Graham might be available to discuss meadow management. Keith to invite Dan Tuson of Natural England. • Wild flower meadow (2). Carol Davis had offered the opportunity to see her Green Winged Orchids and Corky Fruited Water Dropwort, possibly at the Herne village Safari event on 9 June. • 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. Responses to the survey had also identified further potential events, and this would be discussed at the AGM.	Jenny & Keith Rory Rory, Keith Keith Keith Jenny & Keith Jenny & Keith Dave Sally
6.	Publicity Keith had emailed a KLAW News Update to members on 26 February. KLAW's website had been updated by Jenny, who would be adding Q&A, drawing on responses to the survey. Nicola Smith had set up a KLAW WhatsApp group. Keith to publicise. 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 Keith Rory SallyE
7.	Any Other Business Earlier discussion had raised the issue of legacies as some members consider the future of their land, and this had also arisen from the survey. The issue will be raised in the Q&A on the KLAW website. Sally's idea of holding a bioblitz at her Open Garden event generated lots of discussion, which Sally would consider.	Jenny Sally
8.	Dates of next committee meetings, and our AGM Committee meetings: Rory had to set up meetings for 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3rd Monday of each month, the next being on 15 April. AGM: This had been set for Saturday 23rd March, and will be held at Ed Kyrke-Smith's "The Willows" as in previous years. An invitation had been sent to members on 9 March.	