

## KLAW Committee Meeting 18 November 2024 – Minutes v1

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

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

**Apologies:** Julia Brant.

| Item | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action                                                       |
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| 1.   | <b>Chair's introduction</b><br>Rory welcomed the members of the committee. Julia had said that she was hoping to sit in on the December meeting.<br>Although the meeting did not meet the committee's quorum of five, there was merit in checking progress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                              |
| 2.   | <b>Membership</b><br>Membership remained at 29 Landholders and 12 Supporters.<br>Jenny had posted the revised version of the map of Landholders' addresses aggregated to Postal District level on KLAW's website under "Landholdings", together with a request for any member wishing to be put in touch with a nearby neighbour to let KLAW's Secretary know.<br>Three members had already responded to a request for details of those offering relevant services (hedge-laying, coppicing, etc.), and this had been added to the website under "Contact KLAW".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                              |
| 3.   | <b>Grants &amp; other financial support</b><br>Details of the Rural Payments Agency's "Find funding for land or farms", and Treeapp (which connects UK businesses with landowners who are interested in planting native tree species), had been added to our website under "Getting Involved – Grant Applications".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                              |
| 4.   | <b>Recording baseline data, and getting expert help</b><br>Jenny had posted Rory's article about moths under "Activities – Research". Rory would check that it reads correctly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Rory                                                         |
| 5.   | <b>Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)</b><br>Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management. Now on 15 December, and already fully booked, with two on the waiting list.</li> <li>Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury. Michael Walter had swung into action and arranged this for Saturday 11 January. Keith would send an invitation to members.</li> </ul> Zoom sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife. Rory had arranged for KWT's Neil Coombs to speak on 9 January, and would send an Eventbrite invitation to Keith for distribution to KLAW members. Members of KWT's Wild About Gardens would also be invited.</li> <li>Wildflower meadows. Dan Tuson had agreed to give a talk, and Keith was hoping to set a date in December. Rory would investigate whether KWT could arrange a Zoom link.</li> </ul> | Keith<br><br>Keith<br><br><br>Rory, Keith<br><br>Keith, Rory |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turtle Doves. Nicole Khan had agreed to give a talk, and we will aim to fix a date in February.</li> <li>• Bats – sound recording. Amanda Brookman would be invited to give a talk (when other sessions had been fixed).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Keith<br>Keith                                                       |
| 6. | <p><b>Publicity</b></p> <p>KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 26 October, and another would be sent after this meeting.</p> <p>KLAW's website. This had been updated – see above, plus an item about Asian Hornets (under "Activities – Species Protection"). Dave would send Jenny some of Judy's trailcam photos for posting over Christmas.</p> <p>Guest Blogs. Rory had suggested that Guest Blogs about KLA<sup>W</sup> (including reports of events, and the Secretary's report for our next AGM) could be posted on KWT's website. Rory would contact SallyE about her offer to write about Langdon Garden, which could be posted as a Guest Blog.</p> <p>Further publicity. Rory initiated a discussion about promoting KLA<sup>W</sup>. Ideas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update our A5 KLA<sup>W</sup> leaflet (done, and added to the Home Page)</li> <li>• Encouraging traffic to KLA<sup>W</sup>'s website</li> <li>• Raising our profile on the KWT and Kent Field Club websites</li> <li>• Use of social media (although our Facebook page attracts very little traffic)</li> <li>• Raising our profile on speakers' and event organisers' WhatsApp groups, e.g. East Kent Downs Farmers (Dan Tuson); East Kent Turtle Dove Group (Nicole Khan); Hambrook Marsh, and the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (Michael Walter); High Weald (Rory).</li> </ul> | Keith<br><br>Dave, Jenny<br><br>Rory, SallyE<br><br>Jenny<br><br>ALL |
| 7. | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>KLA<sup>W</sup>'s AGM. SallyE had kindly agreed to host this at Langdon Court on Saturday 15 March 2025.</p> <p>At the AGM the following items would be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging more members to join the committee</li> <li>• Reducing the committee's quorum from 5 to 4.</li> <li>• Discussion of ways to increase publicity about KLA<sup>W</sup> (see above).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Keith, SallyE<br><br>Keith                                           |
| 8. | <p><b>Dates of future committee meetings</b></p> <p>The next committee meeting was scheduled for 16 December. Its time might be shifted forward an hour to a 10.00 start.</p> <p>Rory would set up meetings for 2025 at 11.00 – 12.00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rory<br><br>Rory                                                     |