

KLaw Committee Meeting 21 October 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: Sally Edge.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction Rory welcomed the members of the committee, and expressed members' thanks to Sally Edge, who would be standing down as a member, but would continue to be copied in to the minutes. Julia Brant had been invited to sit in on the next meeting. Although the meeting did not meet the committee's quorum of five, there was merit in checking progress.	
2.	Membership We were pleased to have attracted three new members, bringing the totals to 29 Landholders and 12 Supporters: • Supporter: Louise Butfoy, who lives at Bearsted. • Landholder: Sarah Cassidy, with 17 acres at Chislet Forstal. • Supporter: Philip Mearns of Wye, who has a coppicing business. The map of Landholders' addresses aggregated to Postal District level had been sent to members, only one of whom (Jerry Whitmarsh) had expressed interest in making contact with other members. Keith would contact Jerry to report the news. The scheme will be left pending further interest, and referenced on our website. Rory would arrange for a revised version of the map to be produced, and in jpeg format. Jenny will add KLaw's logo, and post the map on KLaw's website. It was agreed that the next KLaw News Update should invite members who offer relevant services (hedge-laying, coppicing, etc.) to supply details to be added to our website.	Keith Jenny Rory, Jenny Keith
3.	Grants & other financial support The Rural Payments Agency had publicised "Find funding for land or farms". Links to a video and more detail would be included in the next KLaw News Update, and also added to our website.	Keith, Jenny
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help Moths. Rory would send a revised version of his article to Jenny, who would post it on KLaw's website.	Rory, Jenny
5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLaw) Recent: • Highwood Farm, Dunkirk, 22 September – Nicola Smith. A successful hunt had found four dormice.	

	Planned: - Whippletree Farm ancient woodland management, 27 October – Frankie Woodgate. An invitation had been sent to members. - Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury, possible second visit. To discuss focus and timing with Michael Walter Possible Zoom sessions this winter: - Recording Wildlife in your Garden. Neil Coombs. Rory would see whether Neil might give a Zoom talk to both Wild About Garden members and KLAW members soon, to be followed by a field event in the spring. - Turtle Doves. Nicole Khan had agreed to give a talk. - Wildflower meadows. Dan Tuson had agreed to give a talk. - Bats – sound recording. Amanda Brookman would be invited to give a talk. It was agreed to seek reports of events, together with photos, whenever possible, to be added to our website.	Keith Keith Rory Keith Keith Keith
6.	Publicity KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 30 September, and another would be sent after this meeting. KLAW's website was being updated by Jenny. Dave would provide some of Judy's trailcam photos. Rory suggested that Guest Blogs about KLAW (including reports of events, and the Secretary's report for our next AGM) would be posted on KWT's website. A future issue of KWT's magazine could feature a KLAW case study. SallyE had volunteered to write about Langdon Garden.	Keith Jenny, Dave Jenny Rory, SallyE
7.	Any Other Business KLAW's AGM. SallyE had kindly agreed to host this at Langdon Court on Saturday 15 March 2025. Keith would let Ed Kyrke-Smith know. Tree Planting. Emily Douglas had got in touch about Treeapp, a London-based organisation that connects UK businesses with landowners who are interested in planting native tree species. Details would be included in the next KLAW Update. Asian Hornets. Kirsteen Thorn, Outreach Officer for the British Beekeepers' Association, had got in touch to ask if we can support the 'Look Up!' campaign that Kent beekeepers have launched to encourage the public to keep an eye out for Yellow-Legged Asian hornet nests. Details would be included in the next KLAW News Update, and added to our web page.	Keith Keith Keith, Jenny
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 18 November.	