KLAW Committee Meeting 21 July 2025 - Minutes v1

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

Present: Rory Harding (Chair); Genny Maskell; Dave Casey; Keith Dugmore (Secretary);

Jenny Dugmore (Treasurer). **Apologies:** Julia Brant.

Item	Topic	Action
1.	Chair's introduction	
	Rory welcomed members of the committee.	
2.	Membership	
	Adowa Koren DeJean-Lynch, who is promoting a bee sanctuary project, had joined as our 13 th Supporter.	
	The number of Landholders stands at 42.	
3.	Grants & other financial support	
	Biodiversity Net Gain	
	Nicola Smith was pursuing this topic, and planning to contact Native Ecology and also Environment Bank. Keith would find out Nicola's conclusions, and the committee consider whether to invite Teams presentations in the winter.	Keith
	Making Space for Nature	
	Rory highlighted the Making Space for Nature Newsletter, July 2025, which includes news of .the public consultation report: https://www.makingspacefornaturekent.org.uk/public-consultation-reports/ and several nature recovery opportunities:	
	 Stour Valley Restore. "The Land for Nature and Climate grant programme would fund projects that enhance land for biodiversity and climate resilience." Chalk to Coast. "This is a farmer and landholder led initiative. By pledging your land, you join a growing network of stewards working together to restore nature." National Trails Nature Recovery Programme – Test and Trial Grant. "This aims to support National Trails to be nature-rich corridors for people and nature, and provides a flexible way of accessing capital funding, with a simple application process and no strict application deadline." 	
	Keith would attach the newsletter to the next KLAW News.	Keith
4.	Recording baseline data, and getting expert help	
	Rory would seek to provide the original full file videos of the following talks for KLAW's website. (Jenny has already posted links).	Rory
	 Dan Tuson (11 December) "Wild flower grasslands". Neil Coombs (9 January) "Surveying and Monitoring Wildlife". Nicole Khan (26 February) "Saving Turtle Doves in Kent". Dr John Puckett (10 March) "Bats in Kent". 	

5.	Events (organised by, or involving KLAW)	
	Planned visits:	
	16 August. Bat talk and walk at Dunkirk, organised by Nicola Smith.	
	 18 August. Equine ecology workshop at Aidamora, hosted by Julia. 30 August. Spoon carving and ancient woodland workshop near Tenterden, organised by Frankie Woodgate. 14 September. Ponds and Boreholes at Mystole Orchard, hosted by Jenny and Keith, with Nicola (whose ponds have not needed to be lined) also participating. 21 September AM. Dormouse Hunt at Dunkirk, hosted by Nicola. 25 October. Kent Wildlife Conference at the University of Kent 	Keith to publicise in the News Update, and send invitations
	Possible future visits:	
	 KWT's Ham Fen reserve – a private visit for KLAW members. Rory would seek info on possible dates and minimum numbers. If it proves possible to issue an invitation we should encourage members to attend – a chance to meet each other. Hedge Laying course (in the autumn / winter), e.g. Michael White. Julia to investigate. Sheep event. Rory to discuss with Rob Graham. Scything. Sally Edge had provided information about Mary Ellis, who runs courses. Genny and Rory will investigate the idea of holding an event next year, and possible sources of funding. Lichen walk with an expert (e.g. Ishpi Blatchley, Keith Palmer). Jenny & Keith to seek advice from Lesley Mason. Possible winter online presentations / discussions: 	Rory Julia Rory Genny & Rory Jenny & Keith
	 Grazing, & the possibilities of co-operation. Chalk to Coast. Hazel Ryan from Wildwood (e.g. dormice). Lee Brady (Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group). BNG talks by Mitchell Rae of https://www.environmentbank.com/ and / or Native Ecology. 	
6.	Publicity	
	KLAW News Update had been emailed to members on 25 June, and another would be sent after this meeting.	Keith
	KLAW's website was being kept up to date by Jenny.	
7.	Any Other Business	
	Keith had put Paul Wilson, who is seeking to make leaky dams, in contact with Mark Richardson, who has done this at Harbledown.	
	Philip & Teenie Mearns had visited Upper Mystole to discuss biochar, and had been put in contact with Tim & Nina Dougall about their charcoal production.	
8.	Dates & times of future committee meetings	
	The next committee meeting was scheduled for 18 August at 10.00.	
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