

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON April 8th.2014**

**Present:**

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Isabel Waddington	Murton PC
Dot Lawton	Heslington PC
Carole Green	Bishopthorpe PC
Cllr. Andy d'Agorne	CYC Green Group
John Cossham	York in Transition/ <del>York Retters</del>
Mick Phythian	YNET
Barry Otley	Wheatlands Community Woodland
Alison Sinclair	YOPF, Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Tom Waring	St.Nicks
Ron Healey	CTC N.Yorks.
Alastair Cooper	York Quakers (Friargate)
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Phil Bixby	Constructive Individuals
Viv Chamberlin-Kidd	<del>York in Transition</del> , York Timebank
Adrian Lovett	Schumacher North

**Chair:** Kate Lock

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies; Chris.Chambers, Elinore Arnesveg, Anna Bialkowska. Welcome to Adrian Lovett

**INAUGURAL AGM, YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM**

**1-KL** suggested that now that the YEF was a fully constituted body its views should carry more weight with decision makers.It needed to identify and prioritise future action areas, and decide how to make a greater impact on policy-makers and the public. If it were to justify its existence it must be far more than a "talking shop".

**2-PB** confirmed that the Unity Trust Bank had agreed to set up an account. Cheques to be signed by two from KL,VC-K, PB, PC. PC had passed an initial sponsorship £1K cheque to PB to open the account.

**3-VC-K** reported on progress in setting up the "Wiggio" user group interface. To be effective it should be used by all members. A basic guide would be prepared, with a Sept. start date envisaged. All E-mails would be archived.

**4-The** agreed **CONSTITUTION** was signed by all members present. Council members were considered as "observers".

5-There was a general discussion on membership fee levels, and how they could be related to individuals as well as organisations. **PB** suggested that other organisations could be invited to join with a corporate membership fee. A start date for membership could be Jan.1st.2015, with a two month period allowed for payment. Suggested fees were :individuals- £5 p.a., individuals under 18yrs.- £1 p.a., corporate members- £10 p.a. Subscription levels and a pro-forma membership application form would be agreed at the next meeting.

6-**PB** proposed that future actions should be based on the sub-group structure, with reports to the main bi-monthly meetings. **KL** identified the Local Plan sustainability and the "Reinvigorate York" programme as being two topics worthy of detailed consideration, among others. **AL** pointed out that the EF should not limit itself to Council matters- there were many other wide-ranging issues which could be addressed.

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## AGENDA

### 1 MATTERS ARISING- MEETING Feb.11th. 2014

**KL** thanked R.S-B for taking the previous minutes. **BO** noted that the environment sub-group members had been omitted. They were M.Phythian, Sara Robin, Barry Otley, Ron Healey. **AS** noted that she was **not** leading the Historic and Built Environment sub-group. **JC** was to inform the Joint Minerals and Waste working group of the EF views on fracking. **KL** would circulate a press release in co-ordination with the Frack Free York reponse.

### 2 EVENT REPORTS

**KL** reported on the success of the circular economy discussion on 11th.Mar.involving Archbishop Holgate school. It was hoped to take this further with the school. **PC** reported on the Housing Design Awards exhibition 17th.- 24th.Mar., and evening talk by **PB**.

### 3 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

#### Historic and Built Environment sub-goup

**AS** suggested that the future of Stonebow, and the Civic Trust/ Leeds University consultation on Castle/Piccadilly would be topics for consideration.

#### Natural Environment sub-group

**BO** was concerned over possible LEP funding to the University and Askham Bryan, with no obvious strategy in place, and the total lack of progress on the pilot site for a GIToolkit exercise and the finalisation of the BAP.

#### Transport sub-group

**Cllr.Ad'A** noted that CYC/Leeds City Region were bidding for road funding, but defined outcomes for York were not available. There was no detailed costing information on any development proposals around the station. There was a complete lack of consultation on these issues.

#### Energy sub-group

**JC** reported on a on film project scheduled for 13th May. with Richard Lane.The Murton windfarm proposal had been withdrawn.

### **Sustainable city sub-group**

KL had further discussions with JW and PMcC on taking the concept forward, with possible closer links with Leeds City Region. It was essential that the "silo" approach was abandoned, and the total environment should be the focus.

#### **4 YEF FUTURE PROGRAMMES**

KL suggested that future meetings should concentrate on single issues, possibly with keynote speakers. The YEF should approach the proposed local TV station for coverage.

#### **5 A.O.B.**

PB noted the opportunity to register for a "Tour" banner- help and guidance were available.

TW announced his appointment as CEO of St.Nicks. Members offered their congratulations.

KL thought that a visit to the new retail development at Monks Cross might be instructive.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Date	Tues. <b>10th. June</b> 2014 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices - George Hudson room
Agenda	tbc

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