

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON Oct.14th.2014**

**Present:**

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Dot Lawton	Heslington PC
Carole Green	Bishopthorpe PC
Cllr. Dave Merrett	CYC Labour Group
Cllr. Andy d'Agorne	CYC Green Group
John Cossham	York in Transition
Sara Robin	Yorks.Wildlife Trust / York Cycle Campaign
Anna Bialkowska	Tang Hall Residents Assoc.
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
Adrian Lovett	Schumacher North

**Chair:** Phil Bixby

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies; Chris.Chambers, Mick Phythian, June Tranmer, Viv.Chamberlin-Kidd, Kate Lock

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

agreed.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

item 3-the banners are now displayed on the hospital carpark Wigginton Road frontage.

**4 REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS**

AS reported that the YOPF Newsletter notifying members of the changes to the YOPF had not yet been sent out. RH recommended that Parish Councils be notified of the new status of the EF, and asked once again if they would be interested in sending representatives to the EF meetings. PB confirmed the death of "Wiggio" and that he would be putting as many documents as were strictly relevant in the public domain on the EF website as PDF's under info @ yorkenvironmentforum.org.uk. AS suggested that the CYC "Statement of Community Involvement" should also go on the site. AB though that the "Social Value Act" should also feature. BO suggested that the web address should be added as a "footer" on all emails.

**5 REPORT ON FINANCES**

Penny B. stated that the current balance was £266.48

## 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Two of the main challenges faced by the EF is how to effectively share information and contribute to making desirable changes happen. The group has specific expertise which should be utilised to the best effect, and one way of doing this is to develop the sub-groups so that they can set the agenda for a rolling programme. The chair cannot devote time to steer the EF in detail, but was prepared to suggest themes for the sub-groups to investigate. It was essential that sub-groups follow defined programmes of work, the results of which could be presented at the main EF meetings for signing off. They should present their proposed programmes with timetables for agreement by the EF as a whole. This would focus effort on specific issues, avoid duplication, and lead to measurable outcomes. Members could join one or more sub-groups, if they felt that their experience could assist other designated sub-groups.

ES pointed out that the EF as a whole should act as co-ordinator of sub-group activities

## 7 THE LOCAL PLAN - current status

Cllr.DM stated that the consultation was on hold, and that a new committee structure was evolving which could affect the details of the Plan.. The particular issue of the forecast housing trajectory was to be reviewed by the LPWG. He confirmed that £30k. had been allocated for preliminary work on a green infrastructure programme for incorporation into the Plan. PB asked that members forward comments by email for collation in advance of the formal consultation.

## 8 A.O.B.

JC put forward a resolution calling for the EF monthly meeting programme to be re-instated. This was seconded and approved. He also noted that CYC had agreed to take forward the Allerton incinerator project, even though government funding had been withdrawn, and that it was hoped that CYC would formally oppose fracking in its area.

Cllr.Ad'A noted the application to develop riverside moorings south of the Millenium Bridge had been submitted, and that CYC sought to sell off the riverbank in question.

Penny B. stated that th EF was now a registered charity (general applause and thanks to Penny for her hard work).

AL noted two important events relating to environmental issues and the human condition:- Oct.29th. 7.0pm and 15th.Nov. 12.30-18.30pm. at the Friargate Meeting House (see eventbrite.co.uk, and schumacher-north.co.uk )

### NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues.11th.Nov.2014 4.00-6.00pm.
Venue	West Offices - George Hudson room
Agenda	tbc

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