

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING ON May 12th.2015**

Present:

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| Philip Crowe | York Tomorrow |
| Carole Green | Bishopthorpe PC |
| Dot Lawton | Heslington PC |
| Cllr. Andy d'Agorne | CYC Green Group |
| Dave Merrett | unaffiliated |
| Barry Otley | Wheatlands Community Woodland |
| Mick Phythian | YNET |
| John Cossham | Frack Free York |
| Alison Sinclair | Cons.Area Advisory Panel |
| Ron Healey | CTC N.Yorks. |
| Linda Maggs | Friends of Hagg Wood |
| Anna Bialkowska | Tang Hall Big Local |
| Penny Bainbridge | Edible York |
| Sara Robin | Yorks.Wildlife Trust/York Cycle Campaign |
| Jaqui Warren | CYC |

Chair: Phil Bixby

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Alastair Cooper . Welcome to Jaqui Warren

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

agreed.

3 MATTERS ARISING/MEETINGS ATTENDED

AB noted the "One Planet" prospectus was now in draft form.

AB+Penny B will report on a forthcoming discussion at the Guildhall on the European Cities programme(URBACT) driven by Science City York.

PB was exploring self-build opportunities and demand in the Leeds City Region in conjunction with Paul Stamp(CYC) to gather an evidence base.

BO+AS suggested that the YEF should be involved in the city **BID**. AS would contact Adam Sinclair.

4 REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTIONS

Penny B reported that the balance now stands at +£331.0, with 27 paid up members. Subscriptions were now due. Open Planning Forum funds of £254.76 to be transferred.

JC suggested inviting all councillors(particularly new members).

5 SUDS AND FLOOD RISK- follow-up to previous meeting

BO+SR noted the need for effective case studies to form an evidence base to influence local development proposals and support planning conditions. Developers were generally resistant to the SUDS concept. Measures were already being taken in upstream catchment areas. Enforcement in small developments was almost impossible due to CYC lack of resources.

BO understood that the draft green infrastructure strategy, of which this is one component, is under review.

6 SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT- Jacqui Warren

JW gave an overview of the latest Government interim planning statements on sustainable design and construction and the revisions to building regulations. Much of this is still at the development stage. A detailed appraisal of current thinking was tabled and discussed at the meeting, copied as an attachment to these minutes. Members thanked **JW** for her presentation.

7- CURRENT HOUSING STANDARDS-Phil Bixby

not discussed in detail due to overrun.

8 A.O.B.

Edible York were hosting an event, incl. AGM, at the Novotel on May 21st. at 6.30 pm.

St Nicks. were promoting the "ECOHOMES" event on 16th-17th.May (note the "Passivhaus" on School Lane,Fulford)

NEXT MEETING

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| Date | Tues. June 9th.2015 4.00-6.00pm. |
| Venue | West Offices - George Hudson room |
| Agenda | tbc |

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