

Lane Head South Residents' Group

Minutes Annual General Meeting, Monday March 21st, 2022 at 7-00 p.m.

Meeting to commence at 7-15 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Travelodge, Lane Head, Lowton

14 present

Kathleen Johnson (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed members. There were 7 apologies for absence.

1. Minutes of the last A.G.M. held on June 10th 2021 were accepted as a true record.
Proposed by Christine Hill, seconded by Maxine Pygott.

2. Annual report of the Management Committee was read by Kathleen Johnson (chair) Copy attached.

3. Annual accounts. Current balance £1,969.97, including donations from James Grundy MP and Greater Manchester. £131.89 donation to Wigan and Leigh Hospice from collection at Carols around the Tree and £50 to Lime House raised at Darts and Domines evening.
Accounts available to view.

4. Election of Honorary Officers and Management Committee.

There being no nominations for vacant posts it was proposed by Graham Wardle (LaGTAG) that the existing committee should be re-elected. Seconded by Counc. Ed Houlton. Agreed.

Chair	Kathleen Johnson
Deputy Chair	currently unfilled
Secretary	Gill Dickinson
Treasurer	Howard Cooper
Minutes Secretary	currently unfilled
Social Secretary or Committee Member	currently unfilled
Technical / IT advisor	Gareth Edwards

The AGM then closed.

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP

Bi- monthly meeting held immediately following AGM on Monday March 21st 2022 in the Conference Room of the Travelodge, Lane Head, Lowton

1. 14 present, 7 apologies
2. Approval of minutes of meeting on Jan. 17th 2022. Proposed by Colin Johnson, seconded by Counc. Kath Houlton.
3. Update of local issues: (see also attached – notes and responses from previous meeting in January with Wigan officers Julie Middlehurst and Danny Orrell

Parkside. Building of the Link Road has commenced, some increase in HGV traffic reported.

Winwick Lane. Only 2 prosecutions to our knowledge over the 6 months the CCTV camera has been in place (opposite the farm.) It is hoped that an ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) camera would automatically prosecute erring HGV drivers without the need for scarce police resources to be employed.

Air quality in the area. We await the NOx figures for 2021 as they have not as yet been bias adjusted. Newton Road appears to be well below legal maximum in spite of volume of traffic. Given the CAZ review, Graham Wardle (LaGTAG) described a simplified possible alternative to car /petrol tax using emissions and mileage. He described how HGV's are many more times damaging to our road surfaces than cars.

HS2 current situation. Ongoing Parliamentary debates, therefore route still not finalised. Objections to be made by 30th March using the following link. We are informed that the impact on Lowton will be severe both in its construction stage and when operational. HS2 Meeting at Community Centre opposite St Lukes Church Friday 25th March at 7.30pm.

S106 monies – still awaiting final decision from the February 2021 residents' survey.

Financial statement as for the AGM- Balance £ 1,969.97

4. LENDF. Their first reconvened meeting after the very sad death of Ed Thwaite took place on Monday 14th March at Lowton Social Club. Liz Brown (Secretary) gave an excellent presentation of the current situation of HS2 – Golborne spur and requested individuals to object to the plans.
5. Abbie Lawton, in her role as Wigan Climate Change Officer, described interestingly the effects of global warming. The shift in temperatures, whilst to some extent natural, is far more likely to have been caused by human activity. She spoke of the ways in which Climate Change could affect areas such Wigan; the strategies which the Council may employ in order to deal with any changes and the part needing to be played by the general public. A lively discussion ensued on the topic. Residents pointed out that Wigan's policy of housebuilding on green sites had actually added to the climate crisis. Suggestions included more allotment space to reduce carbon footprint of our food; more renewable energy/charging points; solar panels on new builds.
6. Dates for diary to be distributed via email.