

Minutes Lane Head South Residents' Group Meeting Monday Jan. 16th.

Conference Room of Travelodge, Lane Head

1. Kathleen welcomed everyone to the meeting. 15 present.
2. Apologies for absence received from Ed Houlton, Howard Cooper, Graham Wardle, Jackie and Gerry Finch, Gary Lloyd and Peter Hatfield.
3. Minutes of last meeting accepted as a true record.
4. Financial report. £1,939

1. Local issues.

- a) Air Quality Winwick Lane. A monthly update was promised in July. To date no update received from Wigan. Counc. Houlton to make enquiries. (Post meeting Wigan Environmental Health state that the air quality will be improved at Lane Head lights as there will be a reduction in waiting times when the extra left-hand lane is constructed from S106 money)
- b) Moving Traffic Regulations. Wigan Council are submitting an application to the DoT for the power to prosecute drivers who ignore the 7.5-ton weight restriction on Winwick Lane southbound. Three other roads in Winwick have been identified as requiring moving traffic regulations to be taken over by the Council.
- c) A speed gun has been used on several occasions on several roads around the area by Marie Cooper in conjunction with LaGTAG (Lowton and Golborne Traffic Action Group) LENDF (Lowton East Neighbourhood Forum) and other residents. Local knowledge is required as to the busiest times and when the speed limit is being abused so that the Police can prosecute.
- d) Minutes of the S106 meeting re the extra left hand turn on the East Lancs held in October 2022 with Wigan Officers, LHSRG, LENDF, LaGTAG, the Voice and Lowton West Residents Group East Lancs Road stated that the Council will contact residents of the East Lancs Road in the second part of this year. No resident to date has been approached by Wigan and no safety survey has been carried out. There is no speed limit sign on the road. A speed gun identified at least 8 drivers using the service road illegally as a short cut within one hour. Suggestion that Wigan should consider a speed limit around Lane Head.
- e) Progress on Tunnel Tops/Kenyon Lane/ Wilton Lane. A site meeting held with two Wigan Officers, Marie Cooper and the resident whose hedge is being regularly destroyed by cars taking the corner too fast. The officers appreciated that it was a dangerous blind corner. In order to instal a mini roundabout to slow the traffic the road would require a 30mph speed limit (currently 40 mph.) Traffic for Greater Manchester will initiate an automatic traffic count this month. A further accident took place on 23.12.22 which was attended by Greater Manchester and Cheshire Police. Thanks to Marie for her perseverance.

f) “Carols round the Tree.” This grows in number each year. An enjoyable afternoon of Carols. Our thanks to Phil Boardman and Epiphany Brass for leading the singing and a big thank you to the Rotary for bringing Father Christmas to Lowton. Mince pies and mulled wine enjoyed by all. A generous collection of £140 was sent to “Children in Need.”

2. Further Issues

40 crocus bulbs planted around the Christmas Tree at end of Winton Road.

3. Dates for Diary

Darts and Dominoes Evening 28.02.23 Golborne Sports Centre, Stone Cross Lane North. 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Tickets £3 from Committee members.

Litter Pick to take place on Saturday 28th January 10am at the Red Lion Car Park. Suggestion to clear the grass verges (safely....) on Winwick Lane. Thank you to Terry Hewitt for keeping Lane Head so free of litter.

4. A.O.B.

Concern expressed over traffic dangerously mounting the pavement outside the Red Lion to avoid queuing at the traffic lights. Kath Houlton to enquire about a bollard to prevent this.

The Redrow sign on East Lancs is advertising the 117 homes being built on Hesketh Meadow Lane.

Concern expressed over the air quality, particularly for young children on Church Lane pavement around SAMCO's. We have volunteers who would wear back packs with monitors who regularly use this as a school route. (Post meeting Wigan Environmental Department do have a back- pack monitor but as yet insufficient evidence of their efficiency. NOx monitor already in place at the corner of the East Lancs / Church Lane. Latest reading for 2021 is well below the legal maximum; personal experience would contradict this.)

Coronation Celebrations to be considered. Volunteers sought to organise...

Coronation Party – Mt Tabor or Winton Road Playground

Heritage Walk

Speaker on Old Lowton and Quiz

Consider an “Old Lowton Calendar for 2024 in conjunction with the four other residents’ groups.

Next Meeting 20.3.23 (AGM)