

Minutes of AGM Lane Head South Residents' Group via zoom

14.06.21

- Present: Kathleen Johnson, Colin Johnson, Gill Dickinson, Terry Hewitt, Gareth Edwards, Marie Cooper, Howard Cooper, Ann Lowe, Kath Houlton, Ed Houlton, Peter Hatfield.
- Minutes of AGM 2019: accepted as a true record. Proposed by Kath Houlton, seconded by Ann Lowe.
- Kathleen Johnson summarised her Chair's report for the past two years, focusing on traffic, air quality, housing developments/loss of open space, implications of Warrington's weight restrictions on Lane Head. Since the last AGM James Grundy has been elected as MP for Leigh and Marie Cooper elected as Councillor for Lowton East. Congratulations to both. Our thoughts are with Dennis Eubank who has moved to be closer to his son. Our thanks to him as our former Vice Chair.
- LHSRG has developed a close relationship with other residents Groups including LaGTAC, LENDF and Lowton West residents looking at the mutual issue of traffic.
- Virtual meetings have been held with Wigan Council officers, Andy Burnham and James Grundy.
- We await the decision from Wigan re S106 money.
- Parkside Inquiry was well supported by LHSRG members. We await the outcome some time before the end of August.

- No social activities have taken place but are hopeful to recommence when Covid restrictions allow.
- Financial report has been circulated. Thanks to Howard Cooper. Need to maintain fundraising when we can. Report proposed by Kath Houlton, seconded by Colin Johnson.
- Ann Lowe proposed by Terry Hewitt and seconded by Colin Johnson as Vice Chair.
- Gill Dickinson agreed to take the position of Minutes Secretary as a temporary position.
- Terry Hewitt proposed and Colin Johnson seconded the other officers.

Committee

Chair : Kathleen Johnson

Vice Chair : Ann Lowe

Secretary and (temporary) Minutes Secretary : Gill Dickinson

Treasurer : Howard Cooper

Technical data : Gareth Edwards

- Wigan Environmental Department have decided not to publish any of the 2021 NO2 figures until 2022 when the bias adjustment can be made over a 12 month periodEd Houlton will ask if the NO2 levels can be released in order to reduce the toxic air quality on Winwick Lane.
- Group litter picks will continue when Covid restrictions permit. Individuals can litter pick when necessary. Kathleen and Marie have equipment if required.
- Wigan have introduced a Cleaner Greener Package. Councillors have requested barrier baskets on Winwick

Lane, planter on Winton Road, new road signs, trees, jet spray pavements, paint railings – to improve the area.

- Kath Houlton has requested Inspector Andrew Smith to meet with the LHSRG Committee members re -traffic.
- CCTV traffic camera to be installed by Wigan at junction of Newton Road and Winwick Lane to identify HGV's ignoring weight restriction. Police have agreed in principle for residents to monitor the footage. Rota to be put together.
- Police have been monitoring speeding traffic on Newton Road, but unfortunately at the lightest time of days and weekend.
- LaGTAC in conjunction with GM Police and residents have identified speeding hot spots in Golborne and Lowton to be monitored over a 6month period.
- Next meeting Monday 9th August on zoom

Post meeting: Bodens and other local hauliers have agreed to put a 'geo fence' around Lane Head to monitor HGV traffic. Over 2000 communications made with hauliers whose drivers ignore the weight restriction. Residents are encouraged to contact hauliers who they observe ignoring the weight restriction.