

**AGM MINUTES OF YOXWOOD PROJECT HELD AT YOXFORD VILLAGE  
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM**

Attendance- Committee members:

Jan Williams (Chair), Sally Barker (Secretary), Nigel Kerridge, Maria and Hal Humphreys, Sam Cutler(School's Link), Alex Haslem and Nick Prior

Attendance- Members of the Public: 5 members of the Public were present.

Apologies:

Anne Gouge, Liz Morris, Nancy Main (Vice Chair), Grenville Clarke and Malcolm Purvis.

1. REPORT ON PROGRESS

The Project started in May 2007 after being contacted by Grenville Clarke (Woodland Leader) from the Green Light Trust. The trust is an Environmental and Educational Charity that works with Schools and Charities working to create wooded amenity land for local use. Yoxwood is part of a growing network of Woodland projects in East Anglia.

We started with a presentation in School given by Grenville Clarke and Jan Morris. Local people were invited, more than twenty came and from this group of people a Steering Group was formed.

The Green Light Trust gave us a start up Grant of £300 and work alongside us giving advice and leading the 'Seed to Tree'project. They also organise training days.

The School children were asked to design a Logo, which were all displayed in the Yoxford Rocket prior to selection.

We then designed and distributed our Newsletter. Which was distributed in local shops and on our stands at local events. It will now be distributed through the Parish Magazine.

The school children collected and planted seeds in a raised seed bed at the school, which was constructed by Maria and Hal Humphreys. Children will plant more seeds each year. The idea is that the children will plant their own trees to encourage responsibility for that tree and the local environment in the future.

Then started a search for Land. Shortly after, in September 2007, Malcolm and June Purvis offered a piece of land at the end of Little Lane alongside the River Yox. A Lease is currently being drawn up.

We now have a website [www.yoxwood.co.uk](http://www.yoxwood.co.uk) where you can view Agenda's Minutes and upcoming events.

Nigel Kerridge and Nick Prior are busy producing a management plan which will be added to the website when it is finished.

So far Stalls and events have raised over £500 and donations also £500+.

About £50 has been spent on Suffolk Acre Membership and a Website Domain.

Leaving a balance of about £1300.

We are currently applying for funding in the form of grants and sponsorship and Yoxford Open Gardens have kindly allocated us 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their profit.

## 2. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

All members from last year stood down.

Nancy Main chose not to be re-stand as she has too many other commitments.

## 3. RE-ELECTION OF EXSISTING AND NEW NOMINEES

The following members from the Committee were re-elected:

Jan Williams, Sally Barker, Nigel Kerridge, Maria and Hal Humphreys, Sam Cutler, Liz Morris.

The following co-opted members were elected:

Anne Gouge, Nick Prior, Alex Haslem

The following new members were elected:

Ivor Brecker and James Childs.

## 4. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE ROLES

The following people were elected:

CHAIRMAN	Jan Morris
VICE CHAIRMAN	Nigel Kerridge
SECRETARY AND TREASURER	Sally Barker

## 5. TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public asked the following questions:

- When will the grass be cut?

This is not yet urgent. It was previously agreed with Malcolm that we would share the cost of the first cut which is due soon. We had hoped to have a hay-raking day after the first cut but this can only be a public event if the Lease is finished on time and Public Liability Insurance in place.

- When will we be able to get on the land?

The Public will not be allowed onto the land until the Lease is finalised and the Insurance in place. This will be announced when it is completed.

- What varieties of trees will be planted?

No final decision has been made on this but we will keep to Native trees.

Black Poplar, Alder and Willow were suggested. It was pointed out that Deer like Beech and Ash and consequently it might be better to avoid these.

## 6. OTHER

### FUNDRAISING

Maria has compiled a costing and estimates that a further £1500 will be required. She has contacted Suffolk County Council who has indicated that they would be likely to provide £500.

She has compiled a list of funding contacts and is in the process of making applications with the help of Anne Gouge when she returns from her holiday.

Sally is applying for sponsorship from the Ipswich Building Society.

Applications to 02, Landfill Tax, Yoxfayre and the Parish Council were also suggested.

### LAND MANAGEMENT

Nick has spoken to Malcolm and there are some weeds that need immediate attention.

Malcolm is happy to allow people onto the land to do this as long as they understand that it is at their own risk. Nick will check with Malcolm to make sure that he is happy for us to use chemical weed killers, if not the weeds will have to be removed manually.

Nick and James have offered to do this with possible help from Ed.

### INSURANCE

Sally says the two best quotes are from Aon and Stuart Alexander and just waiting for paperwork from one before making a final choice. It will cost about £200.

**NEXT MEETING**      **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm at the Kings Head Pub**

### Sub Groups

- **Fundraising**

Anne Gouge

Liz Morris

Sam Cutler

- **School Links**

Sam Cutler

Jan Williams

- **Land Management**

Nick Prior

Nigel Kerridge

(Grenville -advice)

- **Publicity**

Jan Williams