

Minutes of Emergency Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale Wednesday 11th January 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn

Attendees:

Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	Barbara Moore,	Claire James,
Daniel Heathcote,	Christine Prunty,	John Prunty,	D Sloane,
Julie Knizka-Craig,	Maxine Knizka-Craig,	Bernie Cree,	Chris O'Rourke,
Samuel O'Rourke,	Kathleen O'Rourke,	Alan Gibson,	Mavis Holt,
Pauline Sergeant,	Maureen Riding,	Caroline Brandwood,	Ally Fogg,
Janet Muldowney,	Cassie Spinks-Lewis,	Gail Nicholson,	Patricia Bacova,
Peter Pavlovic,	Veronica Daitova,	Robert Muller,	Cath Adlen,
Emma Chorlton,	Barry (AMOSS).		

Apologies:

Marie Convery.

Matters Arising from Meeting on 4th January 2017

Foot Fall data – can we get hold of it?

GMSF (Greater Manchester Spatial Framework) – final draft for submission to be agreed.

Claire contacted the **Manchester Evening News** and submitted info – they agreed to investigate – expect reference in the paper soon.

Danny contacted **Granada Reports** – but has had no response

Both the **Green Party** and the **Woodland Trust** have been contacted but no response so far

Lib-Dems – John Leech emailed – couldn't intervene directly but will pass info on to their Mayoral candidate and his Gorton colleagues.

Mavis contacted **OneManchester** – no feedback yet.

Pauline agreed to contact the **Council's Planning Dept** – still waiting for a call back from Jenny Reagan.

Main Meeting:

Claire opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming

Council Email – Rita read out the email from J Dudley and mentioned an archaeological dig to discover what remains of Yew Tree farm.

At a recent meeting of ???, Mavis was told that **no decision regarding building on Nutsford Vale had been made yet** by Cllr Stone, but once there was, consultations would begin.

Water Voles – confirmed as seen on the Vale but not officially recorded.

Greater Manchester Wildlife Trust contact info supplied – to be followed up with a view to getting our own survey done for bats etc.

South Lancashire Bats - contact them with a view to requesting bat survey and help in protecting them.

Claire investigated if the police could intervene, and was told it wasn't possible unless we had evidence of malpractice. However a log number was provided should we need it. procedure if

Big Life company - a member of liaison party historically approached Alan G. re applying for a grant for Big Life. Alan declined the offer because there would be nothing in it for Nutsford Vale. Please note that it is not known if Big Life are involved in development of

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the Vale.

How many of **Councils exec committee members** live in Manchester? Unknown.

Facebook.com/savenutsfordvale – new web page created and launched by Cassie – please take a look – make comments / post information about the vale – complete the petition when it comes online and please share with all friends and contacts – **Spread the Word**. Access directly via <http://petitions.manchester.gov.uk/petitions.ti/savenutsfordvale> . If you use Facebook then use <https://www.facebook.com/savenutsfordvale>

Save Nutsford Vale Leaflets – Cassie had also brought samples of the possible leaflets for distribution. The Group decided to go for the Green leaflet with “Nutsford Vale” highlighted on a red background. They should be available by Monday latest.

Emails sent to Council – Rita advised the Group that we had emailed Sir Howard Bernstein and Sir Richard Leese with our concerns with regard to development on the Vale and possible loss of a valuable asset to the local community.

Mayoral Election - petition mayoral candidates to get their views on Open Green Spaces and vote accordingly in May 2017.

Green Gorton Corridor – Is Nutsford Vale still part of the Green South Manchester Corridor and still considered to be an Open Green Space?

Peaceful Protesting – was also discussed but we don't know yet what to protest against – even though the current “investigation” is making an incredible mess on the Vale.

GMSF Consultation - Section 16.0.3 – the Group agreed to request Nutsford Vale be added as part of the Green Belt and to use Alan G's draft submission as a base. The Group agreed that their names & addresses could be supplied on the submission if needed.

Freedom of Information – To be applied for – any volunteers?

And a **big thank you to Cassie** for all her hard work.

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: Thursday 19th January 2017 at the Bluebell Inn at 6:30pm

Next Event:

Litter Pick: Saturday 4th February 2017 from 10:30am

Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue Entrance to the Vale.

Addendum:

Head Teacher at the Grange School has been contacted and will endeavour to send representation from the school to our next meeting.