

## WBKA COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 MARCH 2015 – Summary Minutes

1. Minutes – The minutes of the meeting of 21 January were approved.
2. YBKA – there was nothing further to report.
3. Education – Jill said there were 16 people on the beginners' course. The practicals will take place in her garden.
4. Youth development – For the time being, there will be no proactive follow up.
5. Website – Laurence advised that the website is hosted by LCN. He had negotiated no further hosting charges as WBKA is a charity. There will be charges for the domain name after the first 2 years. Laurence demonstrated the proposed improved website and requested assistance in providing website content. Anne will ask Brian and Geoff to write about the beekeeping year and Jill will address the members' section and beginners. Anne will speak to the 2 group leaders about providing meeting arrangements. Pictures of swarms should be sent to Laurence.

It was noted that the Charity Commission information needs updating and Sue will deal with this.

6. Library – Laurence and Rhona had gone through the library books and, taking members' views into account, had selected about 50 to keep. The remainder will be offered for sale at the film night on 9 April.
  7. LEADER grants – Anne had circulated notes about grants and the use of grant money. LEADER had been satisfied with its audit in 2012. All equipment is assembled and there is a list of this equipment.
  8. 2016 Programme – Ideas for 2016 were discussed and the subject matter for some talks will be widened from specific honeybee issues. Bruce will speak to Anne Riley about a talk on bumble bees. Graham Royle will be asked to speak again on a different honeybee subject. It may be possible to link with, for example, gardening groups for talks on bee friendly plants.
  9. Future Committee – Peter has advised he wishes to leave the committee and Jill will take over the role of education officer. Val also wants to step down and a new person will be required to take on youth development. This may be of interest to Sophie. Andrew is leaving the committee and any committee members wishing to be secretary should advise Anne. If no one comes forward, volunteers will be sought from the wider membership.
- As Anne will step down as chairman in 2016, consideration must be given to her replacement when selecting new volunteers.
10. Any other business – i. Val reported that Andrew Hinchcliffe will take over responsibility for Fishers Field.  
ii. As Parcevall Hall gardens open at Easter, Anne and Bruce will visit the WBKA site and prepare it.

iii. Bruce advised that he has the observation hive.

12. Next Meeting – The provisional date for the next meeting is Thursday 11 June at Val's house.