

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2019

The Minutes of the AGM held on 19th March 2018 were proposed and seconded as a true record.

The Annual Report by the Management Committee was given by the Chair Kathleen Johnson.

'As usual the year has been dominated by the familiar problems of traffic and housing developments and particularly Parkside, which now threatens dramatically our future here at Lane Head and local development North of the A580, which will not only take away from residents, the last vestiges of green space but further increases the population and the number of vehicles, leading to more congestion and more pollution. The most recent threat to our area is the loss of hundreds of acres of greenbelt threatened by the St. Helens local plan and more development and loss of greenbelt in the Greater Manchester plan.

Lane Head South has responded to all of these with strong opposition.

Early in 2018 we had a degree of success with the implementation by Wigan of a 7.5ton limit on the Wigan controlled South bound section of Winwick Lane but of course not on the North bound carriageway.

Moving on to Lane Head itself, the St. Catherine's site has a planning application for 26 houses to be built on it. We have no information on the progress of this application but the site has now been cleared. We do know that objections to the application were submitted and hope that these will be considered.

Other issues continue with Diggle Green, HS2 and excessive traffic speed plus inappropriate street littering.

The only thing which can have any influence on all of these issues and any others, is the response of as many individual residents as possible. Without this it can be claimed that people do not object to plans.

On the more positive side, we have had social events such as the Darts and Dominoes evening, a walk around Byrom Wood, Carols round the Christmas Tree, maintenance sessions with Lancashire Wildlife Trust for Mount Tabor village green and for the woodland, litter picks and a few of us tried out the idea of a canal narrow boat trip.'

Annual Accounts: The bank balance is £1791.77 an increase of £210.85 on 2018.

Election of Committee: There being no other nominations and all the Management Committee were willing to stand again, the following were elected:

Chairman	Kathleen Johnson
Deputy Chairman	Denis Eubank
Secretary	Gill Dickinson
Treasurer	Howard Cooper
Minutes Secretary	Marie Cooper
Social Secretary	Ann Lowe

There was no further business and the AGM was closed.