

Minutes of the Herne Hill Users Group
held in the Council Chamber, North Street, Ilminster
at 14:30 31st March 2023

Attendees

Cllr Brian Hamilton, Ilminster Town Council
Jake Taylor, Countryside Manager, Ilminster Town Council
Fran White, Herne Hill User
Margaret Masters, Herne Hill User
Vernon Higgins, Herne View School/Forest school
Chris Bestley, Green Ilminster

1. Apologies

Mary King, Herne Hill User
Hannah Jackson, Ilminster Scout Group

2. To elect a Chair

- Cllr Brian Hamilton volunteered to be Chair of the group.

3. To elect a Vice Chair

- Fran White volunteered to be Vice Chair of the group.

4. To agree Terms of Reference

- The terms of reference were circulated and all present agreed that the terms of reference and scope of the group was fair and acceptable.

5. Countryside Manager's Introduction and Update

- Countryside Manager thanked everyone for coming and explained how the Herne Hill Users Group fits into the Green Flag community engagement section.
- It was mentioned as users they have a real feel for what works and doesn't work, and their input will make a real difference in how the area is managed and maintained.

6. Introductions from users of Herne Hill LNR

- Attendees introduced themselves and how they use Herne Hill.

7. Introduction to the Green Flag Management Plan

- The Green Flag was discussed and how it is an industry standard of excellence and widely adopted by park managers across the country.
- Sections of the management plan were discussed and how the management plan is marked and scored alongside a site visit to which will go towards the Green Flag Award.
- It was recommended that we break down each section to discuss in more detail. The discussion will then be used to draft a management plan before taking it to the Open Spaces Committee for comment.
- 4 sections would be discussed at the next meeting – Welcome Place, Healthy Safe and Secure, Well Maintained and Clean and Community Involvement.

8. Date/time of next meeting

Friday April 28th 2023 – Council chambers, North Street, Ilminster.