



## Minutes of Horsforth Climate Action Annual General Meeting

<b>Date</b>	27/4/25
<b>Time</b>	2-4pm
<b>Place</b>	St Margaret's Parish Centre

<b>Attendees</b>	17 attendees
<b>Apologies</b>	3 apologies
<b>In attendance</b>	3 additional attendees

<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Penny Lewis (PL) introduced herself as Chair and opened the meeting, the second Annual General Meeting of Horsforth Climate Action.
<b>Minutes</b>	There were no objections or matters raised in connection with last years minutes.
<b>Committee</b>	All incumbent Steering Group members were happy to continue in their current roles and there were no objections to this. Voted in unanimously.
<b>Chairs report</b>	<p>Changes to the steering group included the stepping down during last year of Caroline Tomes, Helen Islan and Becca Bachelor - PL extended her thanks to them all.</p> <p>The current Steering Group were introduced:  Penny Lewis - Chair  Penny Pinn (PP)- Treasurer  Sue Ryan (SR)  And in their absence, Josh Adams (JA) and James Skipper (JS).  Jenny Morgan (JM) HCA Hubworker  Alice Wallace as Development Worker from T4P.</p> <p><b>Achievements for 24/25</b></p> <p>PL explained that St Margaret's Church acted as the employing organisation for the Hub Worker post and will do so until September, at which point the funding from Climate Action Leeds will cease and there will then be no need for St</p>



Margarets to continue in that capacity.

Membership of HCA is still free to those who sign up to receive the newsletter, which continues to be emailed out monthly.

Of note this year was the launch of the HCA website in June 2024 and in addition, social media is used regularly to communicate news and events. This is currently the remit of the hub worker and Lizzie Bond who produces our posters and social media assets?

Over the last year, HCAs achievements were numerous and the main ones were:

- The continuation of HCA Saturdays - clothes swap (working with the Old Kings Arms), gardening fair and seed swap, eco threads, Kidical mass bike ride, apple day, energy event.
- Tech collections and bicycle collections.
- The Repair Cafe.
- Setting up Drury Lane Community Compost scheme.
- Nature walk, Bird Walk and Moth trapping events.
- Horsforth Bioblitz
- Nature mapping - areas where action is taking place around Horsforth.
- Planting of meadow areas and the introduction of reduced mowing in three areas.
- Planting of fruit trees.
- Commencement of Climate conversations events - the first being on air pollution.
- Thermal imaging camera pilot.
- Grove Cinema take over.
- Printing a climate booklet produced by West End School.
- Climate education to one member of staff from each of Horsforth's primary schools.
- Community membership has now been established and includes Friends of Hunger Hills Woods, Horsforth Town of Sanctuary, Horsforth in Bloom,

Many of these initiatives were delivered through our subsidiary groups -Nature Group, Travel group, Food group and a fledgling energy group.

**Looking forward:**

Going into this next year, Walk to School Week is fast approaching. HCA secured the help of Ety O'Toole to deliver this and she has successfully managed to engage 7 out of the 8 Horsforth primary schools. A whole weeks worth of activity has been planned with the support of several volunteers.



	<p>A second Climate converaton event is planned for 10/6/25, at Trinity Uni, to launch the Horsforth Nature Recovery plan.</p> <p>Another Grove Cinema take over is booked for 2/5/25.</p> <p>We have established a fledgling clothes swap group.</p> <p>CLimate education currently being delivered to all staff in one Primary School.</p> <p>The largest event for 25/26 will be the successful delivery of the first Horsforth Green Festival to be held in Hall Park on 2/9/25.</p> <p>The most important achievement for the group in the next year will hopefully be a change in status, as an application to become an Incorporated Charitable Organisation (CIO) has been submitted to the Charities Commission.</p> <p>We hope to establish more business links in our local community.</p> <p>In order to continue with the work already in train and to pursue further achievements, funding must be obtained and a significant number of grant applications are being considered.</p>
<p><b>Treasurers report</b></p>	<p>PP provided a detailed overview of our current financial position. Accounts have been prepared and audited by Martin Hughes and are attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>The formal meeting was closed. Attendees were encouraged to volunteer their services for various activities, the Steering Group and the Green Festival. Time was made for refreshments and conversation, after which there was an interesting and informative presentation provided by Ed from The Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium.</p>	