Report on Pangbourne Magazine articles to PAWS AGM on 14 May 2020

The first article on PAWS appeared in Pangbourne magazine in January 2020. It described the first meeting of the group in October 2009 and the visit by David Holt from the Streatley turbine project. His excellent presentation led to the involvement of Whitchurch with Pangbourne to research the possibility of a similar hydro electric scheme on the weir here. A proposal to form a joint sustainability group was put forward and the March edition of the magazine reported the formal inauguration of PAWS in January 2020.

Out of a possible 62 articles I have an archive of 52. The missing ones most likely due to missing

Magazine deadlines or being away. I think the articles reflect well the activities of the group over this 10 year period.

I am wondering if we can reproduce these in a celebratory book/ on-line form? That is , if we think that other people may be interested in our history. I think Pangbourne heritage may be interested, but can we use this record of our environmental fervour to encourage more people to lobby for the environmental changes we need to avoid the disasters of climate change.

There are so many environmental books out there I wonder if we can make this an interesting enough document of local activists over a fairly long period?

What do you all think? I would be happy to have a go at editing the material and also asking people with editing experience to help me. However, we would need to look at the cost of producing it, so I can do some research about this if we want to go ahead.

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