

## CPRE West Yorkshire Branch

### Minutes of 2014 AGM [Held on 25 April 2015 at Lotherton Hall]

1. Present 22 members and the branch Planning Officer, Andrew Wood. Apologies were received from a number of members.
2. The minutes of the 2013 AGM were approved
3. Verbal reports were given by the Chairman (John Denham) and the Treasurer. The accounts for the year were adopted and John Jacklin B.Com, FCA confirmed as Auditor. Our thanks to him for his services
4. John Denham tendered his resignation from the Executive Committee after 24 years of service. He will continue to act as Branch President . David Cooke proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the membership. The status of Trustees and Branch Constitution was discussed with the feasibility of a move to the incorporation of CPRE West Yorkshire as a "Company limited by guarantee". CT will take this over in consultation with N.O.
5. Yorkshire Greenspace Alliance - CT gave a status report, including the CPRE submission to the Bradford Core Strategy and Examination in Public [particularly well received by local interest groups] and the Leeds land allocation processes. All members are urged to sign up.....
6. Finally, an informative presentation was given by Branch Planning Officer, Andrew Wood , followed by a question and answer session. Particular concern was voiced over the failure of the *Brown Field First* strategy contained in the NPPF and subsequent Government policy statements to contain the march of developers over Green Field and Green belt land. It was felt that a much more robust attitude should be adopted by CPRE National Office , together with other like-minded NGOs, culminating, if necessary, in legal action