## <u>LHNCC meeting January 2024 – SOSLeith report</u>

SOSLeith has recently:

1. Published a blog article on the on the Environmental Rights for Scotland (ERCS) website describing our efforts to have silt and pollution in the Water of Leith basins investigated by the authorities – read it here:

https://www.ercs.scot/news/save-our-shore-leith-two-years-of-advocating-for-aclean-water-of-leith/

- 2. Sent a letter to relevant Government Agencies, Councillors, Community Councils and local politicians regarding the continuing need for monitoring of the Water of Leith lower basins. We are grateful to Councillor McVey and Ben Macpherson MSP who have taken action to help speed up the process:
- Councillor McVey has drafted a motion to the CEC which covers the points raised in our letter.
- Ben Macpherson is working on creating a forum involving local and regional groups
  (SOSLeith, Forth Ports, Water of Leith 2000 Ltd, WoL Conservation Trust, CEC, SEPA, Scottish
  Water, ERCS and FOWLb) to examine options for improving the WoL Basins. It's hoped to
  hold the first meeting in March 2024.