

# MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held at Marple Guide Headquarters on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.  
The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the Officers of the Committee.  
The Minutes of the last AGM were approved.  
Apologies had been received from John Suggitt, Gill Postill and Rod Shreeve.

**Chairman's report** Peter Clarke gave a resume of the last year's activities, the work we have carried out on task days, plans for the picnic site at Lock 6, a reprint of the Locks Trail Guide and the work we have done to gain Self-Supervision status with BW. He went on to outline the plans for this year's Locks Festival on 5<sup>th</sup> July, there was a lot of interest from groups wishing to take part.  
To conclude, the chairman thanked all members for their continued support.

**Treasurer's report** David Hoyle reported that the bank account stood at £949.88. There had been several donations amounting to £450 and subscriptions total was £325. The plaque for Lock 17 had been the major expense at £733.20.

**Election of Officers** The only officer retiring was David Hoyle, the Treasurer.  
Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman – Peter Clarke - proposed by Malcolm Allcard, seconded by Ian Edgar  
Treasurer - Malcolm Allcard - proposed by Peter Clarke, seconded by Bob Woodgate  
Secretary – Alison Allcard – proposed by David Hoyle, seconded by Craig Wright  
Committee –, Paul Woodhead, Craig Wright, Bob Woodgate

The Chairman thanked David for all his work as Treasurer since the formation of the Society in 2003.

**Any other business** People expressed their concern about the proposed development of the BW Wharf. The Committee agreed to keep an eye on what was happening. Plans were on the Marple Website, but as far as Craig Wright was aware, planning application had not yet been submitted.  
Peter reported that there had been no progress at all on getting the blue plaque placed on the Aqueduct – this had dragged on since 2000 when the aqueduct was first nominated for a plaque. This had arrived with BW in 2006 and had since been stuck by planning regulations regarding the positioning.

The business of the meeting being over, the Chairman introduced Daniel Greenhalgh, Contracts Manager from British Waterways who gave a brief outline of the work they are doing with volunteer groups like the Locks Society. He presented Alison with the Self Supervision status letter from Debbie Lumb, General Manager of the BW North West which had been achieved after a lengthy process on safety issues.

Following this, Peter introduced Ted and Margaret Hill who gave a talk and slide show on the early days of the restoration of the Cheshire Ring. Afterwards he signed copies of their book 'Narrowboat to the Cheshire Ring'

The meeting finished with refreshments at 9.50 pm.