

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on Thursday 29th April 2010

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Brian Nash, Carol Baggott.

ACTION

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard, Rod Shreeve and Bob Woodgate.
Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

Malcolm had sent a report of a balance of £785.82. £10 had been paid for membership of the Stockport Canal Trust. Bob reported by e mail that there was no change in membership.
Carol had brought a copy of the new local publication 'Beacon' – Alison would pass it on to Rod who would look into it. **RS**

Marple Wharf

The steering group had met with BW last week and presented various planning issues which BW would address and a further meeting would be arranged in a month. As a society, we are still supporting the steering group with whom Peter is liaising.
Peter reported that work at Bridge 2 seemed to have been completed.

Picnic Site

The next Area Committee meeting is 26th May, Brian will send Peter the necessary forms for application for a grant. Peter will find out exact costs of the recycled plastic benches. Alison reported that we had been asked by BW to erect a commemorative bench for a member of the Tudor Cruising Club, we scheduled this in for 15th May task day and would put it at Lock 4 picnic site alongside the towpath. **BN/PC**

Task days

Alison reported that we are now working on the last lock, Lock 8 which is in a very bad condition, she had reported this to BW. Dates fixed for next task days – 15th May, 25th May and 7th June. Alison would circulate. **AA**

Locks Festival

Peter would discuss with David Sumner and/or Craig whether we should combine the next Locks Festival with the Marple Festival in September 2011 instead of holding it in July. **PC**

Blue Plaque

The plaque is now in place at the Romiley end of the Aqueduct, Pete brought photos to pass on to Rod for the display board.

Marple Festival

Peter had been to the meeting to organise this, to represent the Society. There were to be a lot of events over the fortnight, ones that involve us are the guided walks for Heritage Open Days, Judith Wilshaw and Peter had agreed to lead these, Ian Moss will be giving a talk on the Canals, could we suggest a suitable venue? Maybe the Library, Senior Citizen's Hall, Social & Forces Club? Sue Day is organising some traditional boats to be in Marple for the festival.

A.O.B.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th June 2010 2.00 at Top Lock.