

Minutes of the meeting of Marple Locks Heritage Society Committee on Wed 12th January 2011
There were apologies from Brian Nash.

Treasurer's report - Malcolm presented the revised accounts for the year ending 31st Dec 2010 there having been a small amount of interest added. The balance was £2932.86. Since then we have received a cheque from SMBC, via Brian Nash, and spent £262.50 on the insurance for £500 towards the picnic site, this brings the current balance to £3185.36. No change to membership

The Minutes had already been circulated.

Matters arising- There had been no movement on the tramway project.

PC

Picnic Site – Malcolm and Alison had met with Kate Statham at Lock 6. She will supervise the project and provide manpower from University students. All of us will work under BW insurance and Risk Assessments. She would like the work to start in March and will get back to us with some proposed dates. The plan would be to finish the picnic area at the big tree, then plant the rest of the area with wild plants which we understood BW would provide. She was going to find out whether it was advantageous for BW to buy all the benches together but as yet we hadn't heard back – Alison will chase her up.

AA

Task Days – We had cleared a lot of rubbish from Possett Bridge pound on the last Task Day. Malcolm had photographed it and would let Rod have a print for the display board. We decided to leave the March dates until we heard from Kate Statham – we would need to work more than the usual 2 hours but could do it on shifts.

AGM – Monday 14th February at All Saints' Church, 8.00pm. Joan Turner had been asked to unlock the church for us at 7.30, she would also help with refreshments. Roger Armistead was booked as speaker.

Locks Festival – Alison had circulated notice of the festival to all previous participants and had had several registration forms back already.

Pete will research the hire of toilets.

PC

PA would be needed in the park and at Top Lock, this had worked well last time.

It was agreed that the horseboat was an important part of the festival and as funding was an issue, we should give £150 towards this. We would ask for donations towards the rest of the cost in the Review – Rod to contact Julie Smith about an article to advertise the festival. Craig would look into funding from Community Fund of Manchester and the Coop Community Fund.

RS/CW

Craig suggested we ask the Rope Race to bring their climbing wall – he would let Alison have contact details.

CW

Pete will get an Events Pack from SMBC and Alison will chase BW for theirs.

AA/PC

Pete will contact the scouts about their help and the tent.

PC

AOB Peter said he would like to stand down as Chairman at the AGM but was willing to stay on the committee. It was agreed to amend the constitution and create a post of Vice Chairman at the AGM, whoever filled this post could take the workload other than the Festival, Pete was agreeable to this.

DONM – 23rd March at 10, Manor Road at 10 am