

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at The Ring o' Bells on Monday 12th January 2009

Present: Peter Clarke, Alison Allcard, Malcolm Allcard, Paul Woodhead, Bob Woodgate & Brain Nash.

ACTION

Apologies: David Hoyle

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: No report, Bob reported that membership was around 40 and there will be fees to come in in February. Malcolm suggested we needed a membership drive, it was decided to try an article in the waterways press, Paul will do this, and to have a tent at the festival dedicated to membership recruitment.

PW

Lock 17

Although BW have agreed to let us have the stone from their yard, they will not allow a third party's vehicle on site and they cannot offload on Strines Rd from their vehicle. It was decided to ask Iain Weston if BW could load it for us on to a trailer from SMBC parks dept which Adrian Ellis has offered.

AA

Locks Trail Guide

We now have 5,000 of these, stored in the brick store room, Brian was thanked for organising the printing.

Task days

These were fixed as 21st Feb to tidy up the Possett Bridge garden, 2nd and 14th March to lubricate the lock gear before the season starts. Alison would check whether we are still allowed to use grease and Pete would put the minutes and dates on the website.

AA/PC

AGM

AGM was fixed for 10th Feb and Ted Hill was booked as speaker. The meeting will start at 8.15, business first then the speaker, Alison to ask Daniel Greenhalgh if he will speak briefly about volunteers status. Paul said Diane would do the refreshments.

AA

Locks Festival:

The first meeting to start organising this would be on 20th January, at the Social & Forces Club. Alison will contact the Folk group The Weavils to see if they are free. MBF are willing to do the food again. Sue Woodgate said they planned to have New Horizons on the wharf but to have a stall as well. Alison had contacted Sue Day who would come if she could get some funding. Alison had sent out letters about the meeting to all interested parties.

Ask Craig to contact allotments Soc. Pete would ask Andy Cook if he would loan his van for the First Aid. Alison would draw up a list of potential participants and send it out with the minutes.

AA/PC

Self Supervision

There has been no movement on this which is disappointing. Alison had been in touch with Daniel, and would send a formal e mail expressing our disappointment.

AA

AOB:

Malcolm had heard from Craig Wright that SMBC has a pot of money to use on towpath improvements. It was hoped to re-surface the stretch from Lock 12 to Lock 10, they were in contact with BW.

New Horizons had been asked to move from the Wharf at the end 2009 and as yet had no alternative mooring site.

There was no movement on the Aqueduct plaque, Pete would contact Iain Weston, if they have a problem with the listed building application, MLHS could apply themselves.

Picnic Area – Pete will contact Mary Lee from Mersey Valley Basin Campaign.

Date of the next meeting: Monday, 23rd February 2pm at The Ring o' Bells