

Minutes of the meeting of Marple Locks Heritage Society Committee on Wed 12th January 2011

There were no apologies.

Treasurer's report - Malcolm presented the accounts for the year ending 31st Dec 2010. The closing balance was £2932.59. Membership stands at around 45 but there will be some subs coming in at the AGM in February.

The Minutes had already been circulated.

Matters arising- In the absence of any movement on Marple Wharf, Alison would invite Gillian and Alan Postill to give a brief update at the AGM. **AA**

Picnic Site – Pete has attended a site meeting with Kate Statham and Andrew Tegg from BW and Fiona Albarracin from SMBC Conservation. They had agreed on a style of fencing appropriate to the area and Pete thought there would be some funding available from SMBC for this. It was agreed to go ahead and order the two benches, Brian Nash had agreed to refund the VAT. Kate wants another meeting with Jeff Smith, supervisor for this area, to establish the logistics of the project, she has some students from Manchester University interested in helping. **AA**

Tramway project – Pete has been trying to contact Andy Couates from SMART regarding the initial GeoPhysics survey which will evidently be free of charge. **PC**

Locks Festival – It was finally agreed to hold this on 3rd July with the usual format. Alison would send out a letter to all past participants and would try to book the Social & Forces Club for Tuesday 1st March for an initial meeting starting at 8 pm. **AA**

AGM – This had been booked for Monday 14th February at All Saints' Church, 8.00pm. Alison suggested we have Roger Armistead to give a slide show of his 'Voyages of NB 'Annie Wright' which she had heard him give before. She would also invite Kate Statham to give an overview of the volunteering we do. **AA**

Task Days – Dates were fixed as 2nd, 12th and 21st February – the first of these would be used to tidy up Lock 17 and attempt to retrieve all the bins and cones which were thrown onto the ice at Possett Bridge. Craig reported that there may now be some sleepers available from Marple Station, and he had a contact who may be able to transport them to Lock 17 for us. **CW**

AOB – Craig gave notice of Network Rail's presentation regarding the future of Marple Station on 27th Jan at 7.30pm.

DONM – 9th February at 10, Manor Road at 10 am