

MARPLE LOCKS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held at Top Lock Marine on 18th June 2008

Present: Alison Allcard, Bob Woodgate, Paul Woodhead and Brian Nash

ACTION

In the absence of Peter, Bob took the chair.

Apologies: Malcolm Allcard and Peter Clarke

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

Bob reported that the Whaley Water Festival next year was 13/14 June.

Bob had contacted the Cheeseboat, they were just putting their itinerary together for next year – they would donate 10p for every cheese sold. Bob would reply to say that was OK and that we could put his boat at Possett Bridge which would give easy access for his wife who is disabled.

BW

Alison reported that 1) Peter was waiting for prices for the Lock 17 plaque

2) Peter's meeting with Heritage man from BW was scheduled for July and he would try to sort out siting of the blue plaque for the Aqueduct at the same time.

PC

3) The fence round bye-wash at Lock 10 was now in place.

Treasurer's report: No report

Task days:

On the last three task days, lock beams on Locks 13 – 16 had been painted, although Lock 13 needed another coat of white. There had been a lot of positive feedback from passers by. Alison reported that the rules for Health and Safety were becoming more stringent and we had to be signed in and out by BW on each task day, unless we became self-supervised; she hoped to find out more about this process at a meeting with BW for all volunteer groups on 26th June, she would report back to next meeting. We now have to carry COSSH sheets for all substances we use, she had been issued with these from BW. Future dates were set as: Monday 30th June, Sat 12th July and Wed 23rd July.

Conservation Area meeting:

Alison had received an invitation from SMBC to a Stockport Conservation and Heritage Forum; no one at the meeting could attend so she would ask Pete if he could go.

AA

Open Meeting:

A provisional date for this was 9th September – Alison would check that the Guide Hut was available. Daniel Greenhalgh from BW, who is in charge of Volunteer groups, had agreed to speak to us at this meeting, we would also try to get a speaker with a presentation as well, possibly Ted Hill.

AA

Locks Festival:

It was agreed that we needed a separate stall to promote membership of the Society. Alison would ask Pete if he had the contact for Maelstrom, the canal art boat which came to the last festival.

AA

AOB:

- 1) Bob reported that he had been contacted by the Civic Society who want support for their objections to the proposed alterations to the Chadwick St car park and the Hollins Lane junction. Brian was able to show us plans of the proposals, as a result of which we felt we could only support the Civic Society in part, mainly their concerns about delivery vehicles at the back of the Market Street shops. Members acknowledge the fact that the Council were still in negotiations with people affected by the changes and were doing all they could to devise a workable plan.
- 2) Bob had brought sponsorship form for New Horizons – he would pass it to Pete to complete.
- 3) Alison asked if anyone else had heard that SMBC were to take over the maintenance of the towpaths – no one had, but Brian would look into the matter, Alison would ask at BW.

BN/AA

Next meeting: Tuesday 29th July 2008 2 pm at Top Lock Marine.