

Notes of the Canal Volunteers Meeting on the 13th November 2013 at the Cavalier

Present: Joy Squires, Graham Fowler, Matt Jenkins, David Ritchie, Paul Brohan, Brian Shaw-Rudd, Ken Moller, Ivan Smith, Alan Gordon, Adam Scott, Zoe Whitelaw, Joanne Crawford, Kitty Ward, Rod Howell (Transition Worcester)

1. We discussed the constitution (particularly how the management committee would work and how to ensure marketing skills were represented.) The meeting formally agreed its adoption, with one abstention and none against.
2. Nominations were sought for the officers, noting that there would be an annual meeting in March when these posts would be reviewed. The following appointments were made:

 Chair – Joy Squires
 Treasurer – Ivan Smith
 Secretary - Adam Scott
3. It was agreed to move forward to open up a bank account. Ivan, Adam and Graham Fowler would be signatories.
4. Nominations were sought for the Management Committee. Matt Jenkins, Graham Fowler and Brian Shaw-Rudd were accepted by the meeting.
5. It was agreed that the secretary would email other supporters and contacts to inform them of the establishment of the group and seek further nominations for the management cttee.
6. Marketing and PR were discussed. The Group's web site is now established by Matt (*address please*).
7. Future agenda items for the group to cover were discussed. Each will need to be worked through to develop ideas and agree who in the group will lead. Ideas are needed about how to develop membership numbers, initially with no membership fee. Also what will be our key projects.
8. One project already underway was described by Rod of Transition Worcester and Paul of ARA, the mini-orchard on Lansdowne Park. The canal group will be invited on planting day.
9. Next meeting: 21 January 2104 in the Cavalier at 7.00 pm