

**Worcester Canal Group**  
**Notes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**

Attendance

Graham Fowler, Michael Doyle, Suzanne Byrne (CRT), Ken Moller, Paul Brohan, Meg Brohan, Zoe Whitelaw, Derek Steele, Matthew Jenkins, Nathaniel Pitt, Adam Scott,.

1. **Apologies and Intros** Joy Squires, Ivan Smith, Alan Gordon, David Ritchie, In absence of Joy, Graham took the chair. New members were welcomed.
2. Notes of meeting on 24 February accepted as true record. Matters arising: the amount of litter in the reeds was noted, but cutting cannot take place until end of nesting season. James Close is the next priority.
3. GF introduced Colin ?? from the Worcester and District Utd Angling Assoc. He described the recent dredging of the canal and the amount of rubbish gained from grappling and from kayak work for surface litter. Joy had been needed to help arrange the disposal of waste. CRT are supportive but need a simple risk assessment done to cover future operations. Next time, Anglers to contact Deborah Meyrick from City Council to agree pick-up of waste. Colin also told us about the club and we agreed to maintain a regular contact as there is strong mutual interest.
4. Matt told us about the leaflet which he had quotes for printing. Soon we will have 500 leaflets for distribution. Members will be asked for suggestions on how they can be distributed, such as local shops who could have it.
5. To keep the website up to date, members are asked to email Matt with stories and images.
6. **Links/partnerships** – Mandy Fowler (*who is she??*) to be invited to a future meeting. Contact also needs to be made with the Worcs Birmingham and Droitwich Canal Society. Graham Fowler will do this. Local Developers and builders will be contacted (Mike Doyle volunteered).
7. **Projects**
  - a. Lansdowne landscaping. Paul gave update and explained plans canal-side apple tree planting, in three stages. Wolverton Road will have new benches, dates to be confirmed.
  - b. Planning. No planning applications yet received so Adam to check if consultation process yet underway
  - c. Next litterpick dates – 26 April and 31 May.
  - d. Support to be sought for wildlife survey.
8. **Promotion**
  - a. Worcester Now run regular local walks articles – Mike to contact.

- b. Corporate sponsorship still good idea but need for usage figures to justify. More discussion needed over the need for and method of survey of footfall. Doubts expressed about sponsorship leading to increased advertisement hoardings.
- c. City Life to be produced for summer edition -expanded version of leaflet would be a start. (Adam)
- d. Logos for WCG to be developed. Ideas to be considered at next meeting (Nat volunteered)

9. **Treasurer's report** Nothing at this meeting

10. **Membership** CRT outlined courses for volunteer development which might be relevant

11. **AOB** – none

12. **Next meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 in The Chestnut**