

Worcester Canal Group Meeting

Thursday 2nd July 2015. Worcester Guildhall.

Meeting opened at 19.15 by Joy Squires Chairperson.

1. In attendance were Annette Davenport (new member)Joy Squires Jane and Peter Moorhouse, Dan Daye, Matthew Jenkins, Graham Fowler, Colin, Mike Doyle, Carolyn Kennedy, Gerry Lowman and David Ritchie.
2. There were no matters arising from the May meeting
3. Policing, there was no Police presence at the meeting, Colin had noticed there had been an increase in patrols along the canal.
4. Canal Festival Review, 12th - 14th June 2015 had been wet but festival was a success. WCG was a junior partner with WBDCS which was a challenge for both group, some compromises were reached across the weekend. A full get together with WBDCS was to take place in the near future. The help from St Pauls Hostel was acknowledged and a letter had already been sent.
5. WCG Projects update:
 - Benches are in; a letter has been sent to Wicks thanking them for their help. The Canal and River Trust also helped. The ARA would like to give 312.00 pounds as a contribution for one of the benches. This was accepted by those present. A cheque to be raised by ARA and forwarded.
 - Art Work, there had been a delay from the ST Pauls end as their mentor had been away, Paul hoping to start drawing the designs on Monday 13th July.
 - As a group we need to publicise our Art work and keep a digital memory for exhibitions and applying for grants.
 - Notice Boards, David stated there is space in them for new notices if anyone had some.
 - New notice boards are being sourced for two specific areas.
 - Wildlife survey, an ongoing item, lots of butterflies recorded.
 - Calendar, slow progress - urge taking photos
 - Milestones, ours is in and looks very good, next one is going in by Bilford top lock bridge.
 - New project - WRE have some wire manikins - Peter Jane and Graham would like to purchase 1 at 75.00 to go on the allotment side of canal, approved we will use some of the money from ARA. She will be called Myrtle.
6. Update from Canal and River Trust, the naming of the new volunteer workboat had taken place on 1st July at the Commandery, 50 people had attended. Called 'The Wanderer'.

Press release from CRT: They are working with Rochien at Duckworth Trust, there will be a management group. Dan will be our representative.

There was a discussion on the tatty building in Lowesmoor at the side of the canal, who owns it and what can be done to improve its look at the side of the canal.
7. Julie-May has volunteered to takes notes at our meetings. Matthew will publish them on the website.
8. Treasures report, done 17.11 ? in account

9. Any other business - did anyone know 'Pat' who had won Morgan ticket, they had not claimed prize yet. Would we like a day out - possibly on Cecilia or an evening Crown Green bowling, to think on.
10. Next meeting Thursday 10th September 7pm Guildhall.

Meeting concluded 20.50hrs