

## Worcester Canal Meeting 1st November '16 - 19.05 to 20.30

**Attendees**, Joy Squires, Graham Fowler, Jane Moorhouse, Peter Moorhouse, David Ritchie, Dan Daye, Julie-May Adams.

**Apologies**, Matthew Jenkins, Mike Doyle, Caroline Kelly, Gerry Lowman.

2. Joy is going to check when it would be possible to visit Stroud in the spring. Need to find out if the museum at Gloucester is still closed. Visit in spring.

### 3. **Wildlife week.**

Graham has written up all of the results. The report is about 30 pages long. 70 people were involved 8yrs - 80yrs mainly women. Graham would like to forward to relevant partners.

It would be a good idea to take part in national events ( spring watch, birds weekend, butterfly count.) Keep our own records as well.people should be able to populate web site with what they see.

In future need to do more publicity , an idea could be hedgehog release on the allotments. Vale Wildlife has been contacted , need to wait hedgehogs have to be correct weight for release.

What next with CRT, believe David Morgan is looking at Wildlife corridors in general. Joy is going to email him about our findings.

Warwick Neal at council is doing a bio diversity study, could we meet them and see what they are doing and contribute.

### 4. **Proposed date for festival** 7th 8th 9th July next year. Steering group Joy, Mike, Ivan, Tanya and Ben. ( organises Severn Sound.)

Jane asked who was going to under write the event, looking at sponsorship.

Peter- still has visions of Jane being there late at night putting up marquees, exploring possibility of a company putting them up / down.

Colin, beer and tent - food - better than before.

Joy and Julie-May spoke to Michelle from the council, now have copies of last year Health and safety report and council forms.

Joy and Mike are looking at Health and Safety.

Need family music, more volunteers.

General discussion followed.

Joy will pull plug if going no where.

### 5. **Updates** ,

CRT, fisheries project is very exciting, will there be some by products for us, wait and see.

Canal Arts ring project copies of proposals handed round.

No updates from WBDACS or WW.

Dan gave update on boat , can we supply another 'helm' for training, have emailed a possibility ( 4.11.16 ), would anyone like to crew- tying off ropes - more there are people helping means less commitment. During October on a Thursday there were work parties for foliage cutting.

Dan has worked really hard on the volunteer boat and has been thanked by Joy and everyone in attendance.

### 6. **Treasurer report** 311.00 in bank.

7. No update on membership.

8. **AOB** -

Asked David if he was still ok for ink and paper, yes.

Jane spoke about persons drinking at Lock 4, they sit on the side by Magnet ,puts people off. Joy commented that this was being looked at as Street drinking was a national problem ,council looking at ours.

Next meeting Thursday 8th December 7pm at The Anchor Diglis.