

Notes of the Canal Volunteers Meeting on the 29th July 2013 at the Cavalier

Present: Joy Squires, George Squires, M Stevens, K Wright, Matt Jenkins, Ann Crosby, Paul Brohan, Meg Brohan, Phil Pegler, Kitty Ward, Suzanne Byrne, Alan Sumnall, Ivan Smith, A Safapout, K Moller, David Ritchie, Graham Fowler, Julie-May Adams, Doug Roseware, Adam Scott, Rod Howell, Zoe Whitelaw

In discussing the notes from the canal survey on 8th July, a number of points were raised including:

- Canal Volunteer Group needs to be put on a proper footing, with a constitution etc
- Can we get schools involved? Perhaps to do art or a mural?
- Can we involve the University?
- Can we involve other groups? e.g. scouts
- There is potential to give volunteers a "reference" to help them find work
- Julie-May Adams' son may be able to help with interpretation boards
- Transition Worcester may be able to help with orchard projects
- A boat is needed in September/October to clear vegetation and litter
- Could students do some research about the canal to find out what to put on interpretation boards?
- The Arboretum Residents' Association (ARA) are interested in developing the benches projects
- ARA will investigate an orchard in Lansdowne Park
- There is an issue with anti-social behaviour – volunteers could act as "observers" to report it
- Litter bins – the council will provide these but will not empty them
- Signage for directions is needed
- Can the City Council remove graffiti – or get "graffiti paint" to cover it up?

Actions:

1. Ivan Smith to investigate how we can become a properly constituted group
2. Canal and River Trust to arrange for a boat to remove litter and vegetation **THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON 28TH SEPTEMBER**
3. Litter picking to carry on – date of next litter pick 31st August 2013 (Matt Jenkins)
4. ARA to investigate orchard in Lansdowne Park and benches along the canal
5. Volunteers to sign up (express an interest in) for various activities (see below)
6. Date of next meeting: **16th September 2013** at 19:00 in the Cavalier – a notice of this meeting is to be displayed on the ARA notice board

Name	Litter Picking	Lansdowne Park Orchard	Planting	Helping on The boat	Dealing with Graffiti	Benches	Vegetation Control (weeding)	Flora and Fauna Projects	Interpretation Boards	Promotion	Development
Mick Stevens	✓										
David Stevens	✓										
Rod Howell		✓									
Adam Scott	✓										
Ken Wright	✓										
Ken Moller			✓								
Kitty Ward	✓			✓	✓						
Phil Pegler	✓			✓							
Paul Brohan	✓	✓				✓					
Meg Brohan	✓	✓				✓					
Ann Crosby	✓										
Matt Jenkins	✓				✓	✓					
David Richie	✓				✓		✓				
Doug Rosewarne	✓										
Julie-May Adams					✓		✓				
Zoe Whitelaw	✓		✓				✓				
Graham Fowler								✓			
A Safapout									✓		
Ivan Smith	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓