

Worcester Canal Group AGM

Thursday 7th April 2016. 7.00pm

Worcester Guild Hall

1. Attendance: Joy Squires (Chair),Clare Harker (ARA), Caroline Kendall (CRT), Michael Doyle, Graham Fowler, Alan Witts, Gerry Lowman, Clare Buccanon, Dan Daye, Julie-May Adams, Matt Jenkins, John Lord and speaker Jane Sedgley-Smith (WWT)

Apologies: Jane and Peter Moorhouse , Jackie Hollis (WBDCS), Ivan Smith , Ken Moller.

2. The minutes from the AGM in 2015 were accepted as correct. There were no matters arising.
3. Jane Sedgley-Smith from the Worcester Wildlife Trust gave an informative and interesting talk on the wildlife that can be seen and heard along the stretch of canal that the group currently cover. She highlighted in particular Slow worms and Great Crested Newts (more Warndon area). There was a lively discussion wildlife surveys from previous years which were now out of date. The group were asked to submit any sightings they had.

Graham was asked to be the liaison with the trust which he accepted.
Two events to note:

8th May walk from Waverly Street.

6th May Bat walk for ARA,WCG,St Pauls and CRT.

4. Chairs Annual Report.

Joy thanked Matt for all of his hard work with the website and other tasks he takes on.

The meetings in the Guildhall should only happen when there are other events on. We may have to look for another venue on these evenings. (The Hive, Asda).

Monthly litter picks organised by Matt are going really well. There was a discussion on when we could possibly have the work boat again to assist in the litter pick and with Art projects. She got stuck in shallow water which hindered the pick in March. The groups may be able to have the boat the middle two weeks of June.

Joy thanked Dan for his recent work on the boat, past present and future. Dan asked if a second person could be nominated for the helms person course in case he is not available. Joy asked him to continue being the groups represent on the consultation group for the boat and he accepted.

In May Joy will start inviting people to be involved and organising next year's Canal Festival.

Jane was thanked for her work as vice chairperson and for organising the calendar.

St Paul's Creative Group was thanked for all their hard work, the partnership with WCG works really well.

Benches have survived the winter and are in use again. An Arts booklet is being produced and a thousand will be printed for future events we are attending.

Joy thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year.

5. Treasurers Report, from previous meetings we still have money in the bank and will be making applications to various bodies to continue the Art works.

6. Election of Officers

Chair: Joy Squires

Vice Chair: Jane Moorhouse

Secretary: Julie-May Adams

Treasurer: Ivan Smith.

7. No other business

8. Date of Next AGM April 2017.

AGM ended at 8.12pm.