

Worcester Canal Group Meeting

Monday 27th June 2016.

Meeting commenced at 19.15, finished at 20.12

Attending; Graham Fowler, Peter Moorhouse, Dan Daye, George Squires, Matt Jenkins, Gerry Newman, David Ritchie.

Apologies; Jane Moorhouse, Joy Squires, Alan Witts.

- 1) Update on "The Wanderer" provided by Dan, with the use of the canal boat Graham and Peter's project was going well. Gerry and Dan had completed their helm training and Dan had already done 31/2 hours on the canal. Progress on the boat ,the toilet still needed to be done, but the bench for volunteers to sit on was 90% there. Tim Brooker who has replaced Mark at CRT was having a problem getting hold of a tap and small ladder needed still. Caroline had agreed to add Dan's 14hrs to the volunteer hours register. Management consortium meeting 13th July re use of the boat.
- 2) Painting. Peter reported that a lot had been accomplished with the help of the boat.It had been tied to the far side, still left space for passing boats. The local wildlife mural was going well. Year 3 from St Barnabas were coming down to paint on the blank space. Brochures promoting the art work along the canal have been paid for, no invoice received yet.
- 3) David would like an annual remuneration for the posters and leaflets he prints for the notice boards. Gregory's Mill board is still locked and of little use. Need to discuss this with CRT as David does not have a key to fit it. David, Dan to contact CRT.
- 4) Swing bridge at Finger Arm needs attention. Very tight "pin" needs a tapered leading edge "pin".
- 5) Gerry using boat 8th and 15th July from 10.00 - 3pm. This is to take photos, litter pick by Staples. Matt and Gerry liaising on litter packers - bags and hoops.
- 6) Wildlife Corridor.
 - a) Graham reported that the meeting on 16th May was same day as an England match but that Kate Thomas? From WWT had attended many things were discussed including an idea for a position for someone recording different agencies involved etc need to find a way of funding this would take some thought and input from interested parties. What agencies used the canal and what they did, who was working where.
 - b) An audit of wildlife along the canal would give a clear picture of what there is. Suggested a Worcester Canal Wildlife week or weekend. Could invite people to muster at a fixed point and time, Matt suggested that this would be a snapshot, possible to get it done in September, (tick box, record on phone, need to be advertised, pictures for what is it I have seen).

- c) Graham has sent a draft letter to Joy. Peter has a "strap" for the mural, would like a press release to advertise what has been done. Would like "The Wanderer" to be in photo. Already advertised in "Slap".

7) AOB

Interpretation board at Gregory's Bank, the trigger point of 100 occupied houses has been reached confirmed by Alan Coleman. Forms have been submitted asking for work on the board to be activated. There has been a new "pond" formed on the estate could this be used as part of the corridor?