

Worcester Canal Group AGM: 28th September 2022, 7pm Worcester Guildhall

Minutes

1. **Present:** Joy Squires; George Squires; Graham Fowler; Liz Yorke; Clare Harker; Matt Jenkins
2. **Apologies:** Gerry Lowman; Cllr Jenny Barnes; Jackie Hollis
3. **Minutes of AGM 2021:** Approved
4. **Treasurer's Report and adoption of annual financial summary:** George tabled a report on the 2021 financial year (attached to minutes) and explained the current financial situation - £338.87 in total, of which £226.92 is ringfenced for tree planting.
George also raised the problem we now face with the Nationwide, with whom Worcester Canal Group banks, closing our account with them as they are discontinuing this type of account. George and Graham, as signatories to the account, had formally closed the account and the funds now reside in petty cash waiting for a new bank account to be opened.
It was agreed that George should look for alternative bank accounts. George pointed out that a new bank account might well lead to changes to Worcester Canal Group's Constitution. He would investigate this further and come back to a future meeting with proposals.
5. **Future of Worcester Canal Group:** Joy was concerned that the Group had not maintained its energy through this year and she wondered if it was time to disband or merge with another group. A lively and useful discussion followed which conclude that there is still life in Worcester Canal Group, that we could look back on events during the year with pride and that we remain a viable Group. It was identified that part of the issue is the lack of engagement with CRT locally and we resolved to try again to make contact with relevant CRT personnel around the use of The Wanderer and holding events in and around the canal area.
6. **Election of Officers:**
Chair: Joy Squires
Vice Chair: Graham Fowler
Secretary: Matt Jenkins
Treasurer: George Squires
7. **Plans for the coming year:** held over to next meeting
8. **Any Other Business:** There was none
9. **Date of next meeting:** 7 December 2022