

FRIENDS OF COLLIERS WOOD

NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT GREASLEY S&C HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2017

Present: J Smith; M Sutcliffe; A Cooke; M Turner: G Caldwell; D Hill; R Turner

Apologies received from A Fergus, M Fletcher

12.7.17 meeting notes- accepted as recorded.

EVENTS AND MARKETING

An excellent atmosphere at the Companion Dog Show made for an enjoyable fun day. All stall holders expressed satisfaction and asked to attend other events. One intends to extend their class sponsorship next year. Overall income was disappointing. Group examined a set of comparisons for previous years. Ideas to refresh the event presentation and encourage more entries were discussed. Geoff suggested considering change of event day to the Saturday. MargaretS to consider and check local competitive event dates.

Event advertising routes discussed. Use of local politicians 'news letters' and NG16 to be included. MargaretS will investigate why, yet again, the Kennel Club didn't advertise the event. She also drew attention to changes in Kennel Club rules that may prevent the event continuing as a 'Companion' show. Possible additional breed classes may be added. MargaretS will discuss with judge.

Attendance at the RoSTG Twelfth Night event was significantly reduced. Alex is working on ideas to make tickets easier to purchase but Liberty Leisure are unable to accept telephone credit card payments. Event well received even though it rained during the second part of the show.

Hard copy tickets will not be available to FoCW for the Colliers Wood Proms. Alex will rectify this for future events. Posters distribution commenced.

Working Together events: Nottingham Green event staffing agreed. Transportation still to be confirmed. Collection/return of equipment from container to be determined. Geoff not available. Display board, handouts and activity materials to be organised for transportation. Fungi identification field event possible dates circulated. Only Derek has responded.

Gill is organising an event for Broxtowe at Hall om Wong on Thursday 14th September, 6pm to 7.30pm. A bat walk is to follow. Event is aimed at promoting the formation of a Friends group.

Format of the Winter Woodland Celebration event discussed. Santa will be a basic arrangement with a low-cost nominal presents. Tree dressing will continue even though it will not be during the National Tree Dressing Week. Environment activities marquee will be retained.

Bob asked for all editing comments for the site brochure to be offered by 15th August. Ideally new edition available in November.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIALS

Staffing for collection at Morrisons on Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th August sorted. Rigid display board will be used. Word search sheets will be the main handouts. MargaretT described the arrangement of the word search sheets and how to identify level of difficulty.

The frustration with TSB resolving revisions to FoCW account was still ongoing.

SITE MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS

The site has again been successful in attaining the Green Flag Award. Copy in the notice board. Written observations of judges circulated. Details on Broxtowe website.

The 'No fishing' sign is secured in the Large Pond. Bob had a telephone enquiry asking for confirmation that the day charge for fishing was £5. This apparently is information being circulated amongst fishermen.

Chris has reported that there exists a significant depth of silt at the bottom of the pond. This effectively reduces the water depth introduces an environmental challenge especially when the water level is below the outfall sill.

SITE RECORDING AND ECOLOGY

MargaretT drew attention to one of the visiting Herron that has serious wing damage.

MargaretT has asked two local photographers to become more involved with species recording.

Derek reported on the advice attained from the pollination workshop. The importance of insects and habitats to support them was stressed. Janice drew attention to excess cutting alongside roads and in green spaces that diminishes the insect habitat opportunities.

OTHER ITEMS

- A review of FoCW current activities will begin at the September meeting. Sustainability and community value will be key considerations. Conclusions needed prior to any 2018 commitments being made and listed.

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE AT GREASLEY SPORTS AND COMMUNITY HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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