

# **FRIENDS OF COLLIERS WOOD**

## **NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT GREASLEY S&C HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present: J Smith; M Sutcliffe; A Fergus; M Turner; G Caldwell; D Hill; P Pickering; R Turner

Apologies received from M Fletcher, A Cooke

9.8.17 meeting notes- accepted as recorded.

### **EVENTS AND MARKETING**

Colliers Wood Proms on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Janice noted that a neighbour's sister and brother were travelling some distance to attend after attending the London Proms and being enthralled.

Working Together events: Nottingham Green Festival transport arranged for 10.30am arrival. All materials received including banners and full documentation. Chris had a trial erection of the marquee. The FoG leaflets are available. MargaretT is sorting revised staffing. Samples of children's lure activities will be prepared. Some pre-preparation of activities arranged for Friday at 2.00pm.

Fungi identification field event is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Bestwood CP. Details on times etc not yet received. Geoff will replace Derek. Derek will attend the RSPB event at Sherwood Visitors Centre in November.

No information on the 'Taster Days' yet.

Derek is attending the event at Hall on Wong on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm to 7.30pm. The volunteering promotion handout has been updated for the event and a FoCW display board will be used. A bat walk is to follow. Greenwood is promoting the formation of a Friends group.

Winter Woodland Celebration event confirmed as Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. MargaretT will sort Santa. Anne and Janice propose introducing 'letter to Santa'. Meeting agreed. Some sort of post box to be made. Janice proposed modifying the grotto from 'North Pole' style to a woodland theme. Tree dressing and environmental activities will be incorporated.

Site brochure re-print editing comments were sent to Hugh. No known date for changes.

The Fun-with-Learning Word Search section of the website has been updated with more new sets. The Sundry Documents will shortly be available.

MargaretS tabled the Dog Show public consultation document. She has already trialled it with success. Other routes to potential dog show attendees discussed. Manual and social media to be used. Questionnaire will be posted on website.

MargaretS had contacted the Kennel Club with the questions related to a companion class show. They have failed to respond within the timescale they promised.

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIALS**

The donation event at Morrisons had a good result. Friends were very encouraged by the support expressed. Total income from donations and lottery ticket activities has raised sufficient to pay for the Bird feeding station materials and erection.

TSB change of account should now be operational. Ability to pay by BAC transfers is needed.

### **SITE MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS**

The brutal killing of a mallard was reported to FoCW and the police. The informant described the situation as a local man encouraging three children as they used a large keep-net to capture the duck and then repeatedly beat it onto the ground. Kicking the duck and throwing it into the water and recouping it into the keep-net was undertaken several times. The carcass had then been thrown into the Large Pond and had drifted into the reeds. An observer had rung the police. PCSO Lorraine Holbrook had attended promptly. She was unable to get the man to reveal his identity. She issued a crime number- 603- but she was apparently unable to take further action to detain or identify them. The witness gave a verbal statement to the PCSO. If anyone can add information regarding the perpetrators, please contact the police on 111.

Two enquires regarding donation benches have been received by Broxtowe. FoCW reiterated to Hugh that the two agreed locations are the only places acceptable to FoCW. Bob encouraged Hugh to offer picnic benches as an alternative.

Friends agreed provisional dates for thinning activities. MargaretT to refine and agree attendance. One work period will be dedicated to the sign storage unit in the container.

Greenwood are offering tree planting grants. Friends requested to identify any possible planting sites in the area.

Aileen queried the 'shed' style gate on the Moorgreen Track elevation of Moorgreen Copse. Bob to check to ensure it is a Broxtowe installed item as it has a none standard lock.

## **SITE RECORDING AND ECOLOGY**

Janice and Derek reported on their initial visual inspection of species. Further walks are intended to cover major species groups in other site zones.

Janice noted that the cereal crop in the Central Meadow is either very scant or has been 'cropped'.

## **GROUP REVIEW**

Meeting concentrated on future revenue streams. Agreed that there would not be a lottery in 2018. License will be allowed to lapse. MargaretT proposed two years of 'donation only' before reconsidering lottery ticket sales. Friends to identify new methods of fund raising.

Peter emphasised the budget requirements as a basis for determining the fund raising effort. Average administration costs are recorded and are increasing. Project and event expenditure will suffer if income decreases.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- 'Thank you' letters to CDS sponsors.
- Write to Thortons for chocolate donations.
- FoCW have been offered a gazebo, a white Christmas tree and streamers. Decided that the old style domestic gazebo couldn't be used by FoCW. Other items accepted.

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE AT GREASLEY SPORTS AND COMMUNITY HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**