

FRIENDS OF COLLIERS WOOD

NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT GREASLEY S&C HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

Apologies received from J Smith

10.01.17 meeting notes- accepted as recorded.

EVENTS AND MARKETING

Working Together events:

Awaiting image of linear banners. (Post meeting note: Received and adjustments being submitted.)

Second session of hedge laying on 23rd February. (Post meeting note: Some spare places available for second session. Contact promptly if interested.)

Representation at next FoG meeting on 28th February discussed.

Draft received for updated site brochure. Friends agreed details to comment on. Status of the Lottery funded heritage area of Durban House queried. First print will be 1k brochures. Apparently future modifications can be made at a nominal cost. FoCW respond to Hugh on 15th February.

Tasty Treats have been given the 2018 dates. No response yet.

Liberty Leisure will not have a theatre nor music production at the site this year. There will be a cinema film show in August. No response yet from their sports section.

Some difficulty in accumulating details for the 2018 events website posting.

Geoffs recent Facebook postings have contained interesting images and produced a good response.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIALS

Madeleine reported that TSB has at last sorted the account problems. Madeleine tabled closing statements and new statement to demonstrate transfers are recorded.

Imminent donation towards CWAS project costs confirmed by Group as OK.

Public liability insurance cover renewed. Donation towards cost received.

Madeleine is processing grant application to GPC for use of meeting room for a further year.

Geoff tabled a sample of the pre-printed high-vis jackets and agreed sizes and numbers to order. MargaretS volunteered to donate the purchase costs if jacket printed text acknowledged the sponsorship. Group unanimously agreed.

Plastic storage boxes will be donated to aid compact storage of multiple items within container. All storage items to be labelled.

SITE MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS

Meeting of Broxtowe's committee to approve CWAS project expenditure is tomorrow.

Content of interpretation board discussed General draft content document was agreed. Text to be edited to ensure easy reading and focus on the key points. The chosen graphic designer will create a first stage draft. Madeleine requested draft to be same size as display area. Images need to be agreed.

A source of alternative finance for the display equipment items has been identified. An in-depth review of the equipment specifications and sourcing will be undertaken promptly to determine updated purchase costs. Upgraded quality of display boards will be used. Fixing method for screen canvas to be confirmed by an industrial machinist.

Storage system for display items within container discussed. Method of storing wire ropes to be further investigated. A trolley for transporting the display equipment and display beams to be included in funding application.

A further mobility impaired access recycled plastic picnic benches will be donated by a supporter of the Friends work. Awaiting Hugh sending application details to donator. Bench to replace the existing timber bench adjacent to Miners Copse.

Friends discussed possible locations for further donation picnic benches. Adding additional one or two benches to form a cluster with the first new picnic bench at the east end of the Large Pond was considered a good practical solution that utilised the existing access path.

FoCW aim to complete thinning of the Waterloo Memorial Copse prior to April. The fallen segregation mesh fence to be removed. Stakes can be retained.

Completion of halo pruning in the DHL Copse awaits Broxtowe's chainsaw input.

Infill planting on entrance road hedgerow will be completed at next task morning. Plugs delivered.

Geoff determined next work session dates.

Tim has not yet responded on our views regarding practicality of a public consultation on possible future grass maintenance changes.

Chris has not yet responded on the options that Friends identified for managing the Wetland Copse. He has been trying to contact David McAlinden from Western Power. Western Power have undertaken similar activities at Toton Meadows and will be carrying out further work at that site.

Chris's expressed his disappointment at our views on his proposed wet meadow habitat in part of the Horseshoe Meadow. No comments regarding the water management problems.

SITE RECORDING AND ECOLOGY

Moorgreen Residents Association has emailed regarding the concern of one member that the bird feeders will again attract rats. FoCW will respond. Rita Pickering has passed the concern onto Broxtowe who have promised to erect 'notices'.

NOTE: The feeders have subsequently been stolen from the area.

Friends intent to secure a clothes line between trees to hang feeders from. Alignment will be clear of adjacent foliage. This will discourage tree climbing by rats.

OTHER ITEMS

- Madeleine drew attention to the Greasley Gathering detailed organisation starting.

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE AT GREASLEY SPORTS AND COMMUNITY
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH, 2018**