

## **MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Gillian Allen, Sheila Bliss, Martin Luke, Clare Gould, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** Jane Swan

**Minutes of previous meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and there were no matters arising other than discussed below.

### **Recent Developments:**

**Groundwork** made their final inspection for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant. There were no issues identified.

**The Tree Officer** has advised Dave that Tree Preservation Orders on our trees would be excessive as they are already protected by being in a Conservation Area.

**The Spring Fair** was held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017. There were fewer cakes for the cake stall this year. People had commented that the weather the previous day had been too hot to bake. The stall still made a decent amount of money.

The Canal Art stall was popular as was the Tombola.

Most of the plants were sold. Clare noted that people were looking for specific plants.

We have had an offer to sell ice cream at the event next year.

**Disturbances** There have been a few issues recently with youths congregating in the far corner of the Triangle. A table that had been donated was smashed and chairs were broken. There was smashed alcohol bottles. Someone has also been urinating by the door. Mike asked the youths to tidy up after themselves. We will monitor the situation and if needed we will consider asking local police support officers to assist.

**Bike Maintenance:** Dave has received a request to use the workshop for maintenance and repair of bikes for asylum seekers. It is envisaged that there will be three or four bikes at a time in the workshop. The workshop will need to be clear before this can happen.

### **Work still to be completed**

Clearing out the workshop

Martin will put the railings for sale on ebay

The mushrooms need to be secured in place.

We still have some railway sleepers left. We need to decide what to use them for.

It has been agreed that we will turn the boat into a picnic table. Possible designs were discussed.

One of the quarter barrels needs mending.

We need to purchase some mesh for the hop to grow up.

The bases of the pergola posts need some repair.

It was agreed that we would put some membrane on the buttress shelving and put crazy paving over it.

Planting of alpine strawberries and some wildflowers.

Putting up birdfeeders.

### **Any other business**

Dave had made enquiries about erecting an arch by the entrance from the towpath. We would have to design it ourselves and there would be some difficulty installing it. It was agreed that we would shelve this idea.

An art workshop has been proposed for later in the year. It was felt that this would be a good community activity in keeping with the aims of our project.

**Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 61 Regent Street