

## **MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD,**

### **Meeting of 3rd February 2020**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Clare Gould, Martin Luke, Gillian Allen, Nicola Combe, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** Sheila Bliss

**Minutes of previous meeting:** These were approved.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **Recent Developments**

- There was a volunteer session held to plant daffodils.
- There have been a few issues with the compost bins. Gillian has now moved everything from the left-hand bin to the right-hand bin. Someone has dumped large branches in. There are Guardian newspaper wrappers mixed in. They are supposed to compost down but this only works in very hot composters. It was decided to put a padlock on the bins. We agreed that we would use one with a combination lock.
- Dave has discussed replacing the dying cherry tree with a plant expert. There is no issue with bacterial infection if we plant something in the same place but it is not the right position for a tree. Clare suggested a honey berry bush instead.
- The snowdrops are coming up.

#### **Bridge Meadow**

The Aldcliffe Yard Management Committee had planned to adopt the verge on Basin/Fox's Bridge with a view to Trianglers doing the maintenance. Nicola and Dave had a meeting with Anna who is the Co-ordinator for volunteers for the Canal and River Trust.

It became obvious during the discussion that the Trust are requiring a lot of bureaucracy. Health and Safety checks and risk assessments, planning documents, registers of people working, training courses and qualifications to use our own strimmer. The meeting was brought to a conclusion. Anna is going to get back to Nicola and Dave but if there are too many restrictions put in place it might be more trouble than it is worth.

## **Spring Fair**

The provisional date for our Spring Fair is 6th June 2020.

The date has implications for the type of plants that will be suitable for sale on our plant stall. Clare is going to plant some nasturtiums seeds. Gillian and Nicola have offered to look after some of the seedlings. Gillian has some strawberry and sedum plants.

## **Volunteer Sessions**

At the last volunteer session it was noted that one of the pergola posts was in a poor condition. A temporary prop has been put on it. Dave will try to get someone to undertake a proper repair.

Volunteer sessions will be held on the second Sunday of each month from March onwards.

## **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 61 Regent Street on 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm