

Minutes of Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve Meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2013 at 7pm

Present: Tony Bennett, Philip Clark, Spencer Holland, Albert Horton, Jennifer Lawler, Sandra Mortlock, Sally Pocklington, Rebecca Robinett, Nyree Scott

Apologies: None received

1. Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting and Nyree from CCC was introduced to the group.

2. Wordpress Website Training (Nyree Scott from CCC)

Nyree gave a presentation on creating a website for the Friends group. After the presentation it was decided to meet with Nyree before the next committee meeting in January, with ideas on how it should be set up. Rebecca will see when the room is free.

3. Finance

The balance in the bank account is still £1,816.70.

Group Insurance – Sally to look at quotes for insurance for the Group. Rebecca to provide website address.

4. Logo

Diane sent in a draft drawing of a dragonfly, which everyone approved. Sally to see Diane to add colour and writing to the drawing.

5. Street Pride Future Plans

Rebecca gave a presentation on how Street Pride can help group in the future. Grants are available, up to £500 – but have to be in partnership with another group. At the January meeting Rebecca will complete the relevant forms to see in what ways the Group can be helped.

6. River Nene Dragon Finder Project Update

Rob Williams is still putting together a bid and will know in the Spring whether work will start next Autumn.

7. Cambridge Voluntary Services Membership Application

Membership of the above was confirmed.

8. Reserve Management Update

- The tree planting will not take place in December as Andy has no trees this year. This will now be put back to next March.
- The next work party will now be sowing vipers bugloss seed and cutting back brambles.
- Some marine ply is needed for a notice board – for next work party.
- **The next work party will be on Sunday 8th December.**

9. Events Programme

- The market stall will not take place on 30.11.2013 as the group needs its own insurance first.
- Sally and Tony will attend the Writing Funding Applications Workshop on 26.11.2013.
- Newt Survey - Phil will talk to Deborah, the CCC Ecologist reference setting a date.
- Open Day 11.05.2014 – a plan will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Cambridgeshire Community Greenspaces Network event – this will be discussed at January meeting.
- Dragonfly Walk August 2014 – to be discussed at January meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Phil said that he is in touch with Facet, a local charity which deals with physical/mental disabilities, reference a lift down to the ponds at the Reserve. He will report back at next meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

To Be Confirmed.