

Shotley Open Spaces

Minutes 25th October 2018 Bristol Arms 13.30

Apologies: Alex P, Mel C, Michael C, Andrew T, Shane R,
Attendees: Gary R, Derek G, Marian P, Geraint P, Ian P, Tony LR,
Casper DB, Jane L, Ian S, Jane Dow

1. Minutes of last meeting: Confirmed and signed.
2. Walkers are Welcome

Jane Dow (One Life Suffolk) introduced herself to us and spoke about what her department entails. She was surprised at the amount of walks we already do and the breadth of involvements we have. We agreed the new health walks we will be doing and took them away for inclusion in the next booklet.

Jane L and Gary reported on their interesting and instructive time at the Cromer AGM. They particularly enjoyed a fascinating history walk around Overstrand. It was only a couple of miles long but took two hours because of the plethora of information imparted by their guide. They also came back with a nice shopping bag each and admitted to eating (and drinking) a lot!

The minutes of the WAW Alliance meeting have been circulated to the Committee. Members will be able to see them on our web site, along with our own bi monthly minutes, which will be updated by Tony very shortly. Gary, Jane and Geraint will attend the next Alliance meeting in Clare on the 31 Jan. One of the things to discuss is whether we should be associated with the "Outdoor Guide", which will include wheelchair accessible routes.

3. Tourism Action Group

Five to Ten thousand new brochures are to be produced, on the lines of the last ones, new businesses are to be included. Gary and Tony are progressing with the WW1 Commemoration Walk in conjunction with Ganges Museum, Harwich and Shotley Church there will be a large screen viewing of U boat archive material. The date is set for 18th November, funding may be available for a leaflet similar to the Arthur Ransome one. Gary, Geraint and Marian will meet Sally Sealy from DRAB productions Tuesday 6th November 12.00 at the Shipwreck.

4. Ongoing Maintenance

A shelter was constructed in Kidzone last Monday, using wood that was already on site. Gary I to contact Highways re. Mole End to East View terrace. Ian P is to ask R of W about Cow Lane. Ian S to look at Brickyards before 18 November. Geraint to contact Bench Fairy ASAP.

The possibility of constructing a Hedgehog Highway was mooted by Geraint. Feasibility Study Proposed by Casper Seconded IanP: Largely carried.

5. Marketing and Promotions

Marian reported Calendars to be selling well. In round figures: Outlay £810, Income to date £700. If totally sold out Profit £1,200. SELL,SELL,SELL was her message. Update next meeting.

6. Treasurers Report

Balance today is £7,000 including the £5,000 that we bid for in 2013, specifically earmarked for Phase 3 construction work.

9. A.O.B and forthcoming dates.

We are shortlisted for Stars of Suffolk: Gary, Jane, Geraint, Marian, Ian P and Casper will represent us there. (in UNIFORM).

Casper reported back from Shotley Peninsula Shoreline Benefit Company, they are not formally designated yet.

Geraint asked if he could use SOS as the focus of his WALKING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS in December: Unanimous agreement .

Meeting Closed 15.30

**Thursday 22nd November SOS AGM Bristol Arms 19.00
(Alex : would this suit you?)**

Tuesday 30th.09.00 Tattingstone, AONB Stour and Orwell Management Group GR,GP.

Health Walks all 11.30:

16 Jan. Bristol GP, JL.

20 Feb. Rose GR, GP, JL.

20 Mar. Bristol GR, GP, TLR.

18 Nov. WW1 Ganges/Submarines/War Graves 10.30 TLR, GR, ??

16 Dec. "Walking Home for Christmas" 11.00 Red Lion GP, GR, ???

31 Jan. WAW Alliance Clare GR, GP, JL