

LSP BRIEF MEETING NOTES 16 January 2023

PRESENT; Richard, Paul, Tim, Mark, Liam, Dean, Neil, John, Alison, Alex, Ange, Ruth, Alan, Caroline and Chris

APOLOGIES; Liz and Kathy

Calendars; over £ 200 raised for group funds. Neil thanked.

Sketchbooks walks; 2 further walks already fully booked.

'Welcome back' Spring Event; proposed to bolster our active volunteers. To be a Park maintenance / improvement activity that the community can join in, rather than an event put on for others entertainment. Maybe the tree planting with City of Trees ? Wetland wildflower seed sowing around the ponds (we have been donated a large sack). Hot refreshments needed. Film it for our social media.

LNR Celebration; over a summer week or weekend. Kite flying, donkey rides, pond-dipping, nature walks, fun run round new path circuit. Paul thanked for his work in achieving this designation. Council will produce LNR leaflets and maps, new entrance signage and interpretative boards.

Invasives; agreed that we would not risk contact with the Giant Hogweed, but would concentrate on the Balsam and exposing the crowns of the Japanese Knotweed for spraying by others. Suggestion that we get a school to help with a balsam bashing day.

Toilet block; all happy for John's contact to take a lead in repainting this, inc. murals.

Fingerpost for upgraded path; agreed to give donation of £100 to woodcraft group who made this.

Memorial to Rob Trueblood; felt that a tree might not survive and a bench would not reflect Rob's active approach. Possibility of putting Rob's name to the new path circuit / running route ?

Access driveway; cutting back overhanging branches, road resurfacing and knee-rail repairs going out to tender.

EA works; only outstanding one is refixing the coir matting to the berms.

Replacement trees, following EA works; Large number to be planted by end of March, funded by EA, City of Trees and Whitefield Environmental Forum.

Workparty flyer; to be distributed so that all volunteers know exactly when the workparties are (subject to last minute changes via the group whatsapp).

Litterbins and benches; possibility of more discussed.

Tools, gloves, litter bags etc; Paul advised that requests for these should now be sent to his colleague, Kathy.