**FRIENDS OF SAINTBRIDGE WORKDAY NOTES**

Workday Notes Sunday 18 2018

**Present**. Ken Price, Marilyn McKechnie, Barbara Russell. Jon Clarke, Jane Allen, Will Apperley

Tony Bergonzi, David John,

Ap**ologies.** Charlie Burnett, Frank Prentice, Paul Brunt, Mike Rentall, Luke Ellis

January **Hours worked to date 101.5 hrs which were made up as follows:**

Ken and Charlie have continually worked on the Cheyney Bank, clearing trees and vegetation and preparing the area to erect the swinging bench this month. Marilyn did Litter Picking and Admin plus workday hours by all volunteers Ken has purchased some steel rods to use on the swinging bench as the legs have rotted.

Other Work done through the week

The Environment agency have been busy and have done a great job on the Dry Balancing Pond banks and along the River Twyver, cleared the relief Twyver silt trap and Curlew Bank near the bus stop. It look great.

**Work done today**

Barbara, Will, Marilyn & Jane disposed of the dam which young people built during half term. Marilyn & Tony had a walkabout to check on work which needs doing on several trees these were logged and hopefully we can use this for our future work Thank you to Ken for taking on the refreshments these past few workdays. John David Will & Jane cleared the silt traps and have done an excellent job.

**Work to be done next workday Actions from today’s discussions**

**Mike leaving.**

It was agreed to have a collection for Mike Rentall as he is leaving the group to live in Birmingham with his sister due to ill health. Tony to arrange a photograph of the group to give to Mike and look through previous photographs to compile an album. **ACTION**

We were hoping to present Mike with these at the AGM. Mike will be at the AGM on 4 March.

AGM

Ken has booked the club for 11.30-1.30

An agenda was drafted which Marilyn circulated to the group.

**Previously the group discussed changing** **the name to reflect Saintbridge Nature Reserve and the work which FOSP do. It was suggested the name SAINTBRIDGE NATURE RESE**RVE (**Formerly Friends of Saintbridge Pond or Incorporating Friends of Saintbridge Pond)**

**This will have an implication for changing the constitution, the website and media platforms and tshirts and sweatshirts. Although we can still be called FOSP as the group affiliated to Saintbridge Nature Reserve. This will be voted for at the AGM.**

Barbara spoke to Nicola at the Wildlife Trust and has arranged to meet on Wednesday 21st at Saintbridge Club to report on the work planned for the Sudbrook.

Jane will check with Cate Williams from Greenspaces if she will be available to report on their events this year. **ACTION**

Thank you to Richard Price for auditing the FOSP Accounts 2017-2018.

Tony to check with Graham if he would attend the AGM and report on the website and check if possible he would bring a projector. **ACTION.**

Marilyn gave Tony a cheque for Graham for the annual website charge.(Less discount)

Will and Marilyn are working on the info for the power point. **ACTION**

Marilyn to contact Charlie to review the FOSP 2017 report**. ACTION**

Everyone will bring an item of food/drink on the day **ACTION**

**AOB**

**Green Flag** Barbara and Tony discussed the Green Flag feedback stating that evidence of work with Saintbridge Allotments and FOSP is not clear. This was clarified with Ken as he continually liaises with Steve the Chair of the Allotments of coordinating any work we do with one another and helping one another out such as the collecting all the waste and rubbish from both workdays and contacting Amey (The Gloucester council) to collect it. Or Hedgerow cutting back at the Community Gardens. The AGM poster has been displayed at the noticeboard inviting members of the public to attend. **Maybe we should be clearer in providing the working together evidence than we do now. Also working with other agencies and other community groups.**

**Website & Media**

More articles are required for the website. Please send articles to Tony who will edit and send to Graham. **ACTION**

Jane agreed to write an article on “How I became a FOSP Volunteer” for the website. **ACTION**

Twitter is updated regularly and if scrolled through demonstrates the work FOSP do throughout the calendar year and the different changes throughout the seasons.

Charlie has re-activated Facebook thank you.

Will suggested that an activity for the AGM could be a discussion of topic/articles for the website. Will will contact Charlie about Facebook articles **ACTION**

**Next meeting AGM Sunday 4 March 2018 11.30am.**

**At Saintbridge Club**