

**Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern on Wednesday
09 January 2019**

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Caroline Bruce (CB) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Tom Bruce (TB) Colin Mather (CM) Jane Arkwright (JA) Francis Williams (FW) Paul Thompson (PT) Andrew Brownlow (AB)

Minutes: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

The Christmas Meal was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

1. Residential at The Anderton Centre

RP will contact the Anderton Centre to arrange the task for the Residential, 22-24 February 2019. There are still two places available; contact RP know if you want to attend.

2. Tasks Update

The last task at Smithills was successful. The next task at this site will involve pushing the rhododendrons back and improving drainage on the next section of the path.

The hedge laying competition will be held at the Wildlife Garden in Moses Gate Country Park on 27 January 2019. There will also be willow clearance, dead hedging and hedge-laying training opportunities.

3. Walk

The next walk will be led by RP on 20 January 2019 and will start from Rock Hall in Moses Gate Country Park at 11.00 a.m. The walk will be approximately 7 miles.

4. Next task details

The next task on 13 January 2019 will be at Jumbles and be a repeat of the last task, hedge laying and coppice work.

5. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will take place at February's meeting on 13th. If anyone would like to elect themselves or stand down from a role, please inform RP before the meeting. The Publicity Officer role is currently vacant and FW volunteered to take this on. RP asked the current officers to produce a short report on what has taken place during the year with regards to their role to be presented at the AGM.

6. Any other business

6.1 The group discussed species specific tasks for the coming year, in particular Kingfisher nests at Doffcocker. PT went through what is involved in more detail to the group.

6.2 AB asked the group about purchasing a steady cam which would be able to do tracking shots and costs around £140.00. The group agreed the funding for this.

6.3 FW asked the group about protocols for safeguarding. The group agreed to look at protocols and update the safeguarding policy as appropriate. **ACTION:** CB to get more up to date information on Safeguarding and bring back to the next meeting.

6.4 Outdoor First Aid - The Wildlife Trust have places available on an Outdoor First Aid course in March. **ACTION:** JA to speak to Stephen Cartwright to book places for TB, SF and JA.

6.5 Advertising on BCV videos - AB asked what the group thought about allowing advertising on BCV videos on UTube. This may help the videos to reach a larger audience. The group had a discussion on this and the view was mixed. **ACTION:** To be followed up at the next meeting.

Meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

Next meeting: AGM, Wednesday, 13 February 2019, 8.00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern in Bolton.