

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 13 June 2018

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Caroline Bruce (CB) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Colin Mather (CMA) Paul Thompson (PT)

Minutes: Ok

1. **Rumworth** - the anglers have voluntarily agreed an exclusion zone 100m from bank of island for breeding period. Signs will go up (April - July).
2. Program - **11 July - Entwistle/Wayoh and Delph** - hedge tidying and balsam bashing.
29 July is a preparation day for the **Moses Gate** family day in Sept.
The **walling competition** site to be agreed, possibly Entwistle.
12 Aug - **Rumworth island** work, strimming and cockleshells
26 Aug - **Woodland Trust** - woodland management site TBC
9 Sept - **Doffcocker** - the weather has caused a hole to appear on one side of the island in the willow edging - we will make willow withies to repair this.
3. The last task at **Firwood School** was weeding, pond etc. We will at some stage do the other bed as they have funding for this. They were very pleased with the work.
4. The **Moses Gate family day** in September - CB suggested calling this '**Bolton Wild Fest!**
Suggestions were - popcorn machine, binoculars for kids, badges for wildlife cadets. We may get the key for the hide for children to spot birds etc. Publicity will be decided at a later date. CB suggested a banner for the entrance?
5. RP received a letter from **Kath** to thank him and is planning another do! The money donated has risen to **£215** which will be used for **Firwood School**. It was suggested that Kath be invited to open the Moses Gate Wild Fest.
6. The recent **walk** had 7 walkers, thanks to **Paul** for organising and leading.

AOB:

1. PT - mentioned that the pond at Moss Bank Park had dried up.
2. CMA - the web host company had been sold again but shouldn't affect the cost.
3. CMA - found orchids in the hospital grounds, informed the people concerned and asked the groundsman not to mow the grass which of course they ignored!
4. CB - Ouzel Nest quarry site is looking good - Sam has all but eradicated the balsam.
5. TB - following the data protection act we need to re-sign to give our information.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11 July, 2018, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.