

**Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern  
on Wednesday 11 April 2018**

**Present:** Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Colin Mather (CMa) Paul Thompson (PT) Jane Arkwright (JA) Clayton Morris (CM)

**Apologies:** Francis Williams (FW)

**Minutes:** Ok

1. Following discussions about increasing our price, Stuart at Bolton Wildlife Section has agreed to pay £85, and the Woodland Trust has provisionally agreed also.
2. The last task was the **extra task** for Smithills Woodland Trust - 50m trees to be planted over the North West along the M62 corridor at a cost of £500m over a 25 year period. It was hard work as the ground was stony and wet. The site is called 'Newfields' and there were about 20 volunteers.
3. At Doffcocker 2 willow coppiced areas were finished and the tern raft was impossible to get up so RP and TB have been back and refurbished one raft and will do the other at the end of the season. Cost about £200 - Andy to pay half.
4. Program for next 3 months -  
Hacken Lane next - clear pond to make more light and clear run for dragonflies  
6 May - Eatock Lodge - toad hibernation site  
20 May - Moses Gate to use Tesco grant of £2,000 - planting in beds, boardwalk etc.  
26 May - Bioblitz - Woodland Trust  
3 June - Firwood School, Brightmet, donate pond and do beds and hurdles etc.  
17 June - Dry stone walling (Entwistle ?)

**AOB:**

1. TB - Rumworth - a new Angler's Assoc. are encroaching on the wildlife area and want to extend their fishing area which has great implications for wildlife on the islands. Pete Wilson from UU is looking into the lease and legal position. We have worked there for 20 years so don't want this area spoiled for the wildlife. Also the signs have disappeared warning people.
2. CB - has sent the report for the Community Empowerment funding to BMBC - there were 259 volunteers over the project which equals 30,303 hours of volunteer work to BMBC which is pretty amazing! Thanks to all the volunteers.
3. TB - wondered if individual volunteers would give a personal perspective for the website to encourage new volunteers. CMa said we have tried this before but no-one wanted to do it.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 9 May, 2018, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.