

**Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 14 June 2017**

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

Apologies: Jane Arkwright (JA) Sheena Hendry (SH)

Minutes: Ok

Matters Arising: RP - the tern raft at Doffcocker didn't move during storm but one at Blackleach did and will need anchoring better.

Meeting:

1. RP, TB & CB went to a **presentation at Lancs. Trust by Alan Wright**, re. how to produce articles for newspapers/magazines. We may try this but have found in the past it doesn't usually attract new volunteers.
2. There are 2 pairs of Reed Warblers at **Blackleach** and a newt survey found 14 ponds containing Great Crested Newts. These are managed well and still improving.
3. The **Bioblitz** went really well although there was no pond (we improvised with a plastic one!). A hurdle and shelter was made and £200 raised for group funds.
4. At the last task at **Kearsley Moss** the footpath was finished and a pond survey done.
5. Next task **Wearish Lane**, Westhoughton, footpath work.
6. There are **2 socials** this month - Bolton Wildlife Project volunteer celebration day (all invited), and a BBQ at Fan Pits by Anne (we will do a bit of work, clear hedge and cut turf).
7. '**Awards For All' Grant** now finished. The children from Ladywoods and Rumworth Schools went to Blackleach for sessions on nature and conservation. The schools advised that the children really benefitted from this and their behaviour was improved and more focused. With the money we can now buy a new dinghy. TB gave details of 3 options and we chose the middle one at £450.00 which TB will order along with 2 new lifejackets.
8. **First Aid Course** - JA suggested buying a defibrillator? This was discussed and decided against at this time (cost about £1,000).

Any Other Business:

1. LE - Need a new bag/backpack for First Aid kit and some more supplies. RP to speak to JA and get figures.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 12, 2017, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.