

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 14 November 2018

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Phil Clayton (PC) Tom Bruce (TB) Caroline Bruce (CB) Lynn Entwistle (LE)
Colin Mather (CMA)

Minutes: Ok

1. The **Christmas Meal at The Chinese Buffet** will take place on 25 January 2019. All volunteers who have attend 3 or more tasks are entitled to a free meal, but others are welcome and can pay on the night. Please meet at the venue for 7.00 p.m.
2. The **reed bed** article on the website has attracted interest from a small group in Sussex who have contacted RP for further advice.
3. Previous tasks at **Canon Slade and Blackleach** were very challenging but immensely successful. RP thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and excellent teamwork for making these large tasks so successful. RP particularly mentioned Francis Williams' good idea of using two ropes to transfer the cockleshells on the boat across to the island. The group had a further discussion about another pond near Canon Slade which is also surrounded by trees. **ACTION:** RP to go and assess the pond.
4. The **next task** will be hedge laying with the Woodland Trust at Walker Fold Woods. The Smithills Woodland Trust project now has new management in place and hopefully we will be able to forge stronger links with their volunteers on future tasks.
5. The **Curry Walk** went very well and was enjoyed by everyone who took part. The **next walk** will be on **25 November 2018** starting from Rock Hall at Moses Gate Country Park at 10.15 a.m. and will take in part of the Kingfisher Trail and finish at The Jumbles. Further details are on the [website](#).
6. The **BCV Calendar** will be available at the next meeting in December.
7. **Update from the Bolton Forum for Greenspace (BFG)** CB updated the group on the follow items from the BFG meeting held on Monday, 12 November 2018:
 - Stephen Cartwright mentioned the possibility of using a hedge for a competition at the new Wildlife Trust (WLT) area off Cleggs Lane, Little Hulton. **ACTION:** RP to contact Steve to discuss further.
 - **Outdoor First Aid:** the WLT are organising outdoor first aid training at the Education Resource Centre on Bury Road in March 2019. There are 12 free places available. Further details to follow.
 - **Riverfly Training:** This training is for anyone who would like to survey a river area around Bolton and can commit to going every month. This will now be held in March 2019. Further details to follow.
 - **Winter ID Walk** led by the WLT will take place on 2 December 2018, 10.00 - 12.00 p.m. at the Cleggs Lane site. Anyone interested in attending should meet on Cleggs Lane, first left over the motorway.

AOB:

1. The group discussed the possibility of doing a task at Doffcocker as the tern raft has gone adrift. **ACTION:** RP to look at the task calendar to see if this is a possibility.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 12 December 2018 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.