

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern  
on Wednesday 13 December 2017

**Present:** Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Caroline Bruce (CB) John Loder (JL) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Trish Calderbank (TC) Carole Astley (CA)

**Apologies:** Jane Arkwright (JA) Colin Mather (CMa) Sheena Flanagan (SF)

**Minutes:** Ok

**Matters Arising:**

1. **Christmas meal at Nam Ploy.** RP has booked our meal for the 20 January 2018. Names to Rick and choice of menu - banquet or other. 38 going so far!
2. We have been awarded some funding from the **Tesco bags scheme** although we don't know how much yet.
3. **Andy** has asked if he can get an extension for his hard drive to store the **videos** he takes of the group - it was agreed to use money from funding.
4. **Paul and Gretchen** have been invited to the Christmas meal and the residential and will come to the residential. Paul will do our audit again.
5. The **Anderton Residential** is 26-28 January 2018 and will be work in the top wood (not disturbing the deer!), hedge laying/planting/pruning.
6. **Task programme** - we have 3 tasks for Nature Reserves (Andy), details TBC. 2 for Woodland Management (Stuart), details TBC.
7. The last 2 tasks - **Jumbles car park** was good but busy on the car park, therefore the **hedgelaying competition** will be at **Anglezarke**. **Wilderswood** - we finished the restoration in the upland forest and won't need to return - it is great that so many trees have taken.
8. There will be **2 hedge laying competitions** next year - one at **Bury, Hollins Country Park** on 18 February (they have got their own trophy), and ours at **Anglezarke**. Anyone wishing to help or compete let RP know.

**AOB:**

1. CB - There is **new lottery funding** to apply for (project may be Moses Gate wildlife garden).
2. TB - Any **leftover monies** from previous funding to be spent on tools, new or repairs.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 10 January, 2018, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.