

Friends of Rowley Hills

General Meeting

Brewers Fayre, Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, B69 2BH

Monday 1st June 2015 at 7.30pm

Attendees:

Committee Members: Chair: Jayne Wilkinson (JW), Secretary: Josie Cook (JC), Julie Buttery (JB), Ray Sadler (RS).

Members: Andrew Cook (AC), Lynn Poulton (LP).

Guests: Helen Trueman, SCVO (HT), June Ross (JR), Nick Horton (NH).

Apologies:

Bob Duncan (BD), Dave Price (DP), Doug Barber (DB), Jane Tavener (JT), Mike Poulton (MP), Paul Stephenson (PS), Simon Atkinson (SA).

Report:

Over 40 invitations were sent out by email, 3 of which were no longer valid and 'failed to deliver'. Some interest was shown as several enquiries were received as to the time of the meeting. 'Posters' advertising the meeting was also displayed at local shops.

The Secretary updated the 'Friends Group' progress to date to the attending members and outlined some of the plans for the future. Helen Trueman from SCVO commented that we had made great progress and accomplished so much and was impressed with the website.

AOB

1. Bumble Hole

JC

Lynn Poulton (LP) reported that Mike Poulton (MP) was to carry out a talk at the Bumble Hole Centre and while they were there they enquired about 'FORH' using the venue for the forthcoming butterfly talk. They were informed that we couldn't use the venue as it was owned by Dudley MBC and that they had to approve the use in advance.

LP also raised the possibility of the group attending the 'Family Fun Day' event on Saturday 25th July 2015 and also the 'Black Country Boating Festival' on the weekend of 12th & 13th September 2015. (We were already aware of the Boating Festival and were planning to attend.)

Action: JC to add the 'Family Fun Day' to the agenda for next Committee Meeting.

2. Membership / Walks / Events

JC / NH

Nick Horton (NH) was in attendance and completed a Membership application form. He also took away a number of forms for others to complete. He mentioned that he does a lot of walking locally and offered his services to provide detail of '**Walks**' (for all abilities) on Portway Hill and the surrounding area. He also offered to take a '**Bird**' walk in late September or October. It was discussed and agreed that due to the schedule of events planned for this first year we would not be able to fit anything in but that we would include them in next year's schedule.

Action: JC / NH to look at dates for next year (May, Sept/Oct)

3. Insurance / SVCO

JC/ HT

Helen Truesman (HT) suggested that we look at the SVCO Partnership website for Insurance. She said that if we keep her inform of events, that we are involved in, she will see if she can get them in the newsletter. She will also keep us informed of any funding opportunities that might be suitable.

Action: JC / HT to keep in touch for

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 7th September, 2015 – Butterfly event, venue and time to be confirmed.