

## **Portway Hill Meeting to establish a Friends Group**

### **Wheatsheaf Public House**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 19.00pm**

A meeting was called by Paul Stephenson, Senior Ecologist of the Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust to establish the viability of setting up a friends group.

Posters were put up around the area and the following people were invited:

Anne Brookes, Adam Atkins, Alan Cutler, Amy Withers, Andrew Harrison, Andy Parkes, Ann Greenfield, Antony Wilkinson, Bernice Smith, Dave Price, Dominic Day, Dominic Priddle, Elaine Matthews, Emma Winnall, Graham Worton, Hazel Robinson, Jerry Kent, Jane Tavener, Jayne Wilkinson, Joanne Stanley, Jocmo, John & Diane Dalton, John Pete, Josie & Andrew Cook, Julia Morris, Kam Johal, Kathleen Peters, Libby & Bob Hunt, Lukas Large, Mike Bloxham, Mike Poulton, Mike Southall, Nicola Baker, Pam & Roger Parkes, Paul Dunn, Peter Koryl, Peter Lowe, Peter Shirley, Rob Styles, Robert Matthews, Roger & Janet Gibbs, Sandra Oxley, Sarah Williamson, Sheila & Dave Tew, Stephen Mason, Thomas Lowe, Tony Sames, Tracey & Tim Pye.

The agenda for the evening was:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	Introduction update
2.	Need to start Friends Group What, Why, When - Input as to what local people want/know.
3.	It's focus – Wild Trust nature reserve at first – potential wider area and issues.
4.	Possible constitution – example
5.	Posts – invite names as committee members
6.	Ideas – ways forward
7.	Next meeting and venues

The meeting was very helpful and gave an opportunity for people to show some of their amazing knowledge about the area and a wide variety of interest, from the geological and industrial heritage to the butterflies and birds.

A few people expressed an interest in forming a committee for the new Friends Group for Portway Hill.