

## **MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, MEETING held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Peter Callingham, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Gillian Allen, Martin Luke, Geoff Easton, Sheila Bliss, Jim Combe, Nicola Combe.

**1. Apologies:** Frances Tordoff.

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

**3. Recent developments: a) Mike** has continued to apply fungicide to the pergola timbers as weather allows. The rot starting at the base of the upright timbers still needs to be addressed. Chicken wire and plastic mesh has been put around the base of three trees to prevent damage by dogs scratching the bark. Warning notices to be put in place.

**b) Jane** is to give a talk on the Triangle project to a group at the Marsh Community Centre, though not until October this year.

**c) The waller** who previously lowered the towpath wall is willing to finish the rough pointing and has promised a quote to Dave who will seek a second quote for comparison. We would ask the chosen person to also construct the two steps down from the towpath into the Triangle site.

**d) The Groundwork UK - Tesco 'Bags of Help'** public vote between three projects in the local area, (the Triangle being one) ended yesterday and we hope to hear the result in the coming weeks as to how much funding we will receive (8k, 10k or 12k).

**4. The Triangle Spring Fair** to be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May was discussed with **Duncan and Liz** running the BBQ, **Jane and Mike** the drinks and cake stall, **Uschi** the childrens games; a book & DVD sale, a prizes raffle, live music, a Triangle information and progress display, and possibly a 'guess the weight' of a large piece of stone challenge. It was also agreed that we ask Quays fish & chip shop if they would donate one or more vouchers towards the raffle prizes.

**5. Our Pile of Excess Stone** was discussed at some length with a decision to retain a small amount but to try to dispose of the rest. Nicola agreed to compose a notice for members of the public to take stone away in return for a donation to Triangle funds but if this did not work by the end of April to advertise the stone on Freegle. (The pile of stone needs to be moved before the Spring Fair but hopefully might be smaller before that time!).

**6. Re-instatement of iron railings** in the towpath wall, together with two extra sets, still needs to be researched further and costed against funds available.

**7. Date of future meetings and volunteer session:** the next monthly meeting will be held on:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Jane and Mike's**, with the following meeting on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

The next **volunteer session** is programmed for **2pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** but may be brought forward to **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March** if better weather is forecast.