

## **MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD,**

### **Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Claire Gould, Gillian Allen, Martin Luke, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** None received

**Minutes of previous meeting** held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Dave has not had time to price up the boarding for the ceiling of the workshop.

Dave has looked at sealant for the floor in the workshop. It would need to be completely dust free for it to be done. It was decided that this would not be feasible. Dave has discussed the floor with the group wanting to hold bike repair sessions. They do not envisage oil being spilt and will make sure that they put newspapers down to protect the floor. They will be wanting to store a few tools in the workshop.

There has been no further serious anti-social behaviour on the Triangle since the last meeting.

#### **Recent Developments:**

**Toadstools** – Two of the toadstools are now in place.

**Art at the Triangle** - We have received a cheque for £266 from the proceeds of the recent Art Exhibition held in the workshop.

We have had another request to use the space for an art exhibition from two different local artists. They wish to exhibit for four days over the first Bank Holiday weekend in May 2018. This would be on the same terms as the previous exhibition. This was agreed.

We have had a further request for mosaics to be installed with one of three options: one for the fireplace inside the workshop and two other designs for between the raised flower beds. It was decided that this would not be in keeping with the overall natural look of the site and was therefore rejected.

**Storage** – There was discussion about removing the workbench altogether. Dave had some examples of movable storage with workbench tops that were

on offer. It was questioned whether the drawers in these units were the right configuration for our needs.

**Spring Fair 2018** – The Spring Fair next year will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This is the Saturday of the second May Bank Holiday.

**Wildflowers** – There was discussion about planting the wildflower garden. Some flowers will be along the wall on the canal side with the main garden being around the rowan tree.

It was agreed that we would purchase some bulbs – bluebells, snowdrops and wild garlic. Claire will order these.

Claire suggested planting nasturtiums in the buttress wall next year. These grow in poor soil and will give a striking display. They are also edible.

Claire advised that she had seen some Spetchley Red vines in a garden centre and they were not the same as the vines we bought. Dave will contact the supplier to find out what variety of vines we were sold.

**Woodburning Stove** - the idea of installing a wood-burning stove in the workshop was discussed. No decision was made as more information is needed.

**Volunteer Session** - There will be a volunteer session on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Jobs will include fitting the rest of the toadstools, mulching and weeding.

**Date of next meeting:** 7:30 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017