

Minutes of CROW Meeting held at 3B's Reading, Wednesday 17th July 7:30pm

Present:

Mark Sixsmith (MS)
Amanda Simpson (AS)
Dave Cramp (DC)
Philip Allen (PA)
Theresa Verney (TV)
Andrew Noyes (AN)

8:30pm AN arrives only 1 hour late and calls meeting to order, then adjourns to bar to purchase said order, is abducted by aliens on the way and does not return for some time.

Treasurers Report

PA Reports that the bank balance, including the £500 grant from the Berkshire Community Trust, stands at £1266, though no invoice for BTCV minibus use has been received for some time.

Brushcutter

AN explains that Friends of Prospect Park have obtained a very favorable quote of £325 for a Stihl FS280 brushcutter (for use by all the Reading groups) and that CROW has been asked to provide £200 towards this, the rest being made up F. o. McIlroy Pk. ALL agree and decide to provide places for up to two CROW volunteers on forthcoming brushcutter course (dep. on cost)

Action: AN to contact FOMP and buy brushcutter. AN to contact Sue @ BTCV regarding course.

Social events

Since the last committee meeting (Nov 95) 7 social events were planned (approx 1 per month) only two of these took place (skittles and spring pub quiz). ALL especially DC agree to hold more regular events, but decide to skip barbecue planned for July due to large number of BBQ's around at moment. NEXT EVENT to be Aug. 7, evening walk from George + Dragon, Swallowfield.

Action: AS to provide details for Aug 7.

Display Boards

AN relates story of how all display material on boards has become lost, and suggests having a couple of evenings re-doing the boards. DC and TV suggest doing this in time for Early Green Fair, Aug 10th.

Action: ALL to meet in one week STSP (3'Bs 7:30) and bring photos of CROW tasks to choose from. MS offers to bring his holiday photos as well.

Leaflets

These now very out of date and only a few remaining. ALL agree to spend remainder of BCT money on this (+ maybe more if available).

Action: AN to obtain quote from printers and bring old leaflet + artwork to next weeks meeting.

AOB

DC suggests an article in the Berkshire Conservation News (BeaCoN) would be a good way to attract new volunteers.

AN agrees and, pointing out the copydate is in two days time, asks if DC would like to write such an article.

DC declines.

Following this a brief 3-line article is scribbled on the back of a CROW work programme, however its content is considered unsuitable for BeaCoN and DC is nominated by ALL to write an article.

Meeting drawn to close at 9:30pm.

DONM: Wednesday 24th July 7:30pm (prompt!) 3B's Bar, Reading.