

CVWHAS Committee Meeting Friday 30 April 2021, via Zoom

Present: *Jenny Embleton, Nick Fry, Jane Griffin, Mary Ledgard, Susan Perrin*

Apologies: *Tessa Pawsey, Roger Dean, James Gilderoy, Paul Skelly, Arthur Tallon*

Absent: *Anna Moulson, Jacob Nowinski*

Website and Newsletter

- Nick reported latest statistics for the website since official launch on 4th April
 - This year: 382 visitors to date - Approx. 60% just in April
 - Audience location: Majority UK, but also some from USA, Ireland, Netherlands
 - Sources (in order): Search engines / Facebook / BHAF / Wordpress
- 20 subscribers for the newsletter
- Nick to put out the first Mailchimp newsletter this weekend, linking to 4 web articles
- Nick appealed for more web stories/ploholder focus volunteers (Jane G. and Jenny agreed to be featured)

Noticeboards

- Mary agreed to take on responsibility for updating the noticeboards
- She will trial using plastic pockets as an alternative to wasteful/polluting laminating
- New posters to be developed:
 - (1) Hub opening (see below)
 - (2) Litter pickup day (see below)

Signage

- Mary and Susan are liaising on getting quotes for the signage and getting them manufactured
- Important to have a slot to insert additional information, e.g. 'Hub open this Sunday'

News from the Council in response to Society letter

- Paul and James were not at the meeting so unable to get an update.

BHAF Update

- Next BHAF committee meeting is 11.05.21 – Nick will report back more after that
- BHAF have had a meeting with the Council, re: plot letting. They are adamant that contact information for people on the waiting list can't be shared with BHAF or site reps. It is still unclear how letting can practically happen, though 'virtual letting' has been talked about (whatever that means). In the meantime, site transfer lettings are taking priority.

Reopening the Hub

- With Covid restrictions easing, we are in a position to return to regular Hub openings, 11am-1pm
- Decided on **Sunday 6th June** as first date (Jenny volunteered to do)
- In July/Aug there will be openings on both the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Any Other Business

- Travellers have set up on the nature reserve, which has been reported to the Council. They do not seem to be problematic to the allotments, so no further action needed from us
- Max and Andrew contacted Nick as site rep, re: illegal parking on the track, just outside of the Beresford Rd gate, making it difficult to drive into the site (and impossible for lorry deliveries of manure, etc.). They had written to the Parking Infrastructure department of the Council, who claimed this short stretch of road is not public highway, and therefore not their responsibility. Being outside of the allotments, it is not clear whose it is, but previously there were wooden

barriers to both sides of the track to stop parking. Nick has written to Bruce (Allotment Officer) to explain the problem and get action. Mary mentioned that Nancy Platts is looking into illegal parking on the Bristol Estate so worth contacting too.

- Another work day: Hub tidy and litter pick up (to be advertised to non-committee too) on either Saturday 22nd or Sunday 23rd **(PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PREFERENCE)**
- AGM – Due to Covid we didn't have one last year, so definitely need one this year. Discuss possible dates at next month's committee meeting. Nick to check with BHAF whether there are any factors we need to take into account for missing an AGM.

Next meeting: Return to face-to-face meeting: Sunday 6th June, 10-11am (At the Hub)