

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

### **Meeting of 3rd September 2018**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Liz Bell, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Gillian Allen, Clare Gould, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** Martin Luke, Nicola Combe

**Minutes of previous meeting:** These were agreed.

#### **Matters arising:**

**Bicycle Repair Lessons:** Dave has had some preliminary talks with someone who might be interested in holding a session on the Triangle.

**Irrigation Pump:** Dave has spoken to a local plumber regarding the pump for the irrigation system on the beds. He might be prepared to do the labour for free if it is a small job but will need to look at it first.

#### **Recent Developments:**

**Pergola Painting:** Mike has painted the woodwork on the pergola area. It is looking much better.

**Gas Bottle:** Someone had left a calor gas bottle on the Triangle. The Council have now removed it.

**Expansion onto the Canal:** Dave contacted the local volunteer co-ordinator for the Canal & River Trust to discuss putting a few raised beds along the canal. The Co-ordinator has emailed back suggesting that we adopt a mile of the canal.

It was unanimously agreed that we do not want to adopt a whole mile. The section we were interested in is the stretch between the Triangle and the railway bridge. Dave will see if this is an option.

**Railway Corner:** Dave has been approached by someone who had been doing some garden maintenance around the bench area between the corner of Cromwell Road and the railway bridge. Part of this area has now been closed off with metal railings. The railway company will allow access if an organisation will sign a document taking responsibility. We have been asked to do this.

It was decided that we would take a look at the area during our next volunteer session.

**In Memory of Jim Combe:** Jim, one of our longstanding volunteers, sadly passed away recently. Jim's family would like to plant a rose on the Triangle in his memory as this was his favourite flower.

The group felt that this would be a fitting tribute to Jim. Clare will research climbing roses that could grow up the side of the workshop facing the canal.

**Outstanding Jobs:** The half barrels need to be emptied and sealed.

We need a new top for the compost bins. Dave will speak to a joiner.  
We need to measure up and purchase moisture board for the workshop ceiling.

Posts for the pergola. We need to find a local supplier.

**Next Volunteer Session:** The next volunteer session (weather permitting) will be 2.00pm on Sunday 16th September 2018.

**Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on 1st October 2018