

## **A COVENTRY WAY ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2nd DECEMBER 2009**

### **VENUE:**

Originally planned for Copsewood Sports & Social Club. Cancelled due to Power Failure and reconvened at The Coventry & North Warwickshire Cricket Club, Binley Road Coventry.

### **PRESENT:**

John Alymer, Cyril Bean, Iris Bean, Bob Brandon, Bob Carey, Bill Eve, Keith Greenall, John Green, Brian Keates, Ken Nicholas, Peter Page, Bernard Roebuck, Doug Shelton, Dave Staff, Alan Townsend, Bob Watson, Ron Weston.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Bill Day, Marion Day, Dave Burrin, Frank Tonkinson, Stan Veasey, Anne Wade.

### **MYTON HOSPICE PRESENTATION**

Nigel Adams gave a 15 minute very interesting talk about Myton Hospice (Coventry), which opened its doors to take in patients on this day. He highlighted the need for not only care of Cancer sufferers but for families too. The cost of running the unit was high but Nigel has a dedicated team of people raising funds from many areas within Warwickshire. On closing he invited ACWA members to tour the Hospice. John Green would make arrangements for anyone interested. Having made a donation of £100 for a brick to be placed in the Butterfly Garden ACWA made a further donation of five 21 Walk Books for sale in the Hospice shop.

### **HEART of ENGLAND WAY**

Brian Keates, Warden Coordinator for the Heart of England Way enlightened the meeting with the "highs & lows" encountered whilst devising & maintaining this attractive footpath which starts in Staffordshire and ends in the Cotswolds meeting up with other paths leading to the South East & South West. The many problems met were similar to our own and Brian explained how some had been overcome using the "non confrontational approach".

### **The AGM started at 8 40pm**

### **MINUTES of 2008:**

Agreed as published.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Certificates were awarded for non-finishers at this year's Challenge & Charity Donations made from surplus accrued.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

Another year has passed with many good things to report. Moving the Challenge to April proved very successful with a record number of entries. Whilst Bob B, Bob C & Anne Wade were at the forefront the unsung heroes are those who man the check points, act as car park attendants, nursing staff, photographers & general dogs bodies. A big THANK YOU to all involved. The Godiva Festival was a very enjoyable two days giving the Association a chance to show off our activities. The Working Parties took on extra work resulting in a massive upgrade on the footpath between Bentons Green & Carol Green. The 21 Walks Book was updated and a reprint of 2000 occurred. Sales have been good and with 1300 in stock there are no thoughts for a further reprint at present. A Thank You Social Evening was held in October and was well received by everyone. Once again the Association will send out Christmas Cards. The card produced by Peter Page & photograph by Alan Townsend I feel sure will be well received.

Next year will see changes on the Kenilworth Greenway, which could possibly result in increased costs for the Challenge. However there will be further talks with WCC Country Parks Dept in the New Year. Working Parties will share work with Solihull & Warwick on alternate months.

I am about to step down as Chairman and this report gives me the opportunity to express my gratitude to the many people who have assisted in making my 5 year reign pleasurable.

### **STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS:**

John Alymer presented the accounts (copies were circulated) & reported that the financial position was healthy even though the interest rates were very poor Jo Carey audited the accounts and the Association are grateful for the services of John & Jo.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

To remain at £3 00 per household.

## **COMMITTEE, OFFICERS, OVERSEERS & OTHER SPECIAL DUTIES:**

John Green & Peter Page stepped down as Chairman & Secretary and were thanked for their contribution to the Association over the past years. However they would not be lost to the Committee.

The following were elected

### **OFFICERS:**

Chairman	Bob Carey
Secretary	John Green
Treasurer	John Aylmer
Auditor	Jo Carey

### **PRESIDENT**

President	Cyril Bean
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### **COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Bob Carey
Secretary	John Green
Treasurer	John Aylmer
Members	Bob Brandon

### **SPECIAL DUTIES**

Membership Secretary	Ken Nicholas
Webmaster	Peter Page
Newsletter	Ken Nicholas
Press Officer	Vacant
Volunteer Co-ordinators	Bob Carey, John Green
Geocaching	Cyril Bean, Keith Greenall
ACWA Challenge	Bob Brandon, Bob Carey & Anne Wade
Book Sales	John Green

### **FOOTPATH OVERSEERS**

Overseers Chairman	John Green (including interface with Local Authorities)
Walks 1, 2 & 3	John Aylmer & Bob Rainsley
Walks 4, 5 & 6	Miranda Aston & Ulli Uli
Walks 7, 8 & 9	Bill Eve
Walks 10, 11 & 12	Frank Tonkinson & Doug Shelton
Walks 13, 14 & 15	Bob Carey & Alan Townsend
Walk 16	Ken Nicholas & Bob Brandon
Walks 17 & 18	Bob Brandon & Dave Burrin
Walks 19, 20 & 21	Bob Watson & Stan Veasey
Roving Overseer	Peter Page (i.e. any walk as requested)
A Coventry Way	Bob Brandon

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Bill Eve suggested if Council funding for furniture became short ACWA could possibly assist. Cyril Bean was against that suggestion. Agreed to wait and see if situation arose.

Meeting concluded 9 40 pm

7 December 2009