



## A COVENTRY WAY – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010

### Venue

St Martins in the Field Church Hall, Green Lane South, Coventry CV3 6EA

### Present

Peter Page, Stan Veasey, Bob Watson, Roger Brown, Bill Eve, Bob Rainsley, John Aylmer, Anne Wade, Doug Shelton, Dave Burrin, Jo' Carey, Bob Brandon, John Green, Bob Carey, Bernard Roebuck, Dave Staff, Frank Tonkinson.

### Apologies

Cyril Bean, Iris Bean.

### WORKING PARTY PRESENTATION

*Bob Carey & John Green gave a 20 minute presentation on a "Working party Year", highlighting the fact that local public footpaths as well as "A Coventry Way" have been improved over the last year. The work has included kissing gates (wooden & metal), footbridges, additional waymark posts and boardwalks. Reference was made to the support received from Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire councils. Whilst the future is uncertain due to cutbacks (Warwick £8000k to £3000k) ACWA will continue to improve footpaths.*

***A short refreshment break ensued.***

### THE AGM COMMENCED AT 8.05PM

### MINUTES OF AGM 2009

Agreed as published.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

An attempt to re-route ACW in the former Newdigate Colliery area by Peter Page, Bob Carey Dave Staff and Ron Weston has sadly received little support from Landowners. The challenge event 2010 attracted 297 entrants **which was probably too many and will be restricted to 250 in 2011** with no entrants on the day. Two records fell - Matt Giles 4 hours 57 minutes and Lisa Barry 6 hours 24 minutes. 598 hardy souls have now completed the 40 miles in one go. Little did Cyril Bean think so many would follow in his footsteps. Good news has been received ref: HS2 and the Kenilworth Greenway - a bridge over Kenilworth Road will be installed providing a safer route for ACW. Again the Godiva Festival proved popular giving ACWA a good profile, which was further advanced when Nick Davies (the walking Marine) completed the 40 miles on 5 consecutive days raising over £2000 for Help the Heroes whilst receiving Press and Radio coverage. On a personal note, our President Cyril Bean has not been too well lately and will possibly move to Nottingham shortly to be closer to family. ACWA wish Cyril and Iris all the best for the future.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Correspondence from all recipients expressing thanks on receiving donations following our successful Challenge Event. Other correspondence was received from Meriden & Barnacle (ref Travellers), Berkswell Group (HS2) and Heart of England Activity Centre. After discussion the Meeting agreed that in future such matters will be referred to the Committee for consideration.

## **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

John Aylmer presented the accounts (copies were circulated) and reported the financial position was healthy although interest rates were still low. Jo' Carey was thanked for auditing the accounts.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

To remain at £3.00 per household.

## **COMMITTEE, OFFICERS, OVERSEERS AND SPECIAL DUTIES**

All re-elected en block. See Annex A attached for list.

## **CHALLENGE EVENT 2011. SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Entries restricted to 250. No entries on the day. Start & Finish at the Queens Head, Meriden.

## **DONATIONS TO CHARITIES**

Meriden RAID, Lord Mayors Charity, 11<sup>th</sup> Coventry Scouts, 74<sup>th</sup> Coventry Scouts, Meriden Scouts, Myton Hospice and Myasthenia Gravis Association.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Agreed to investigate donation to RNIB (for local children). John Green to action.

## **MEETING CLOSED AT 9:15pm**

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

The following were re-elected

**OFFICERS**

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

**COMMITTEE**

Chairman	Bob Carey
Secretary	John Green
Treasurer	John Aylmer
Auditor	Jo' Carey
<b>Member</b>	Bob Brandon

**PRESIDENT**

Cyril Bean

**OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIFIC DUTIES**

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

**FOOTPATH OVERSEERS**

Walks 1,2 & 3	John Aylmer & Bob Rainsley
Walks 4,5 & 6	Miranda Aston & Ulli Ull
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	Dave Burrin & Bob Brandon
Walks 19, 20 & 21	Bob Watson & Stan Veasey
Roving Overseer	Peter Page (any walk requested by any other overseer)
A Coventry Way	Bob Brandon