

**A COVENTRY WAY ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. – 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013.**

- Venue** 74<sup>th</sup> Coventry Scout HQ, Abbey Road, Coventry. CV3 4BG.
- Present** J Aylmer, R Brandon, R Brown, R Carey, W Eve, J Green, K Nicholas, P Page, A Wade, R Rainsley, B Roebuck, B Swain, A Townsend, S Veasey,
- 7.30pm** Chairman Bob Carey welcomed the attendees and introduced the guest speaker David Keaney, “Rights of Way Officer” at Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- 7.35pm** David Keaney spoke of how his job has changed since joining SMBC in 2006. Whilst his priority is the public footpaths network, severe financial cut backs mean he now wears many hats during his working day. These cut backs have meant the need for volunteer groups such as ACWA, to not only carry out maintenance on the network of paths but to carry out surveys to enable him to ascertain funding required each year. The meeting heard how he would implement the scheme and gave him a unanimous vote of support. David was thanked for his talk and for the support that he and his assistant Phil Prosser give to our association.
- A short refreshment break ensued.**
- 8.40pm** A.G.M. commenced.
- Apologies** R Watson, F Tonkinson, D Shelton. (Frank and Doug tendered their apologies the following day). It is now understood that they have an in depth knowledge of the Whitley area **but not** of the 74<sup>th</sup> Scout HQ.
- Minutes of AGM 2012** As read.
- Matters arising** Bill Eve will now actively pursue the costing of Defibrillators and liaise with John Green. The 21 walks book is now out of stock and John Aylmer and Peter Page will contact Print 5 on all aspects of a reprint. John Green to approach “Go Outdoors” regarding possible requirements for a further supply of the books.
- Chairman’s Report** Bob Carey reported the Cyril Bean Coventry Way Challenge had again been very successful and thanked everyone for their assistance, especially Lawrence and Carolyn at the Queens Head, Meriden. Entries for the 2014 Challenge already stand at over 100. The working parties have had a very busy year with board walks built at Meriden Shafts and Corley Moor, plus a kit bridge between Ryton and Wolston and numerous kissing gates. Praise was offered to Bob Brandon and Anne Wade for their work in organising the Challenge. The newsletter has been well received thanks to the sterling work by Ken Nicholas, and with Peter Page presenting an excellent website and John Aylmer “keeping the books straight” the year has been successful.
- Secretary’s report** Whilst the majority of the correspondence is now received by E mail, all the charities who benefited from the Challenge surplus have replied by letter thanking ACWA for our support.
- Treasurer’s report** John Aylmer presented a set of accounts to the meeting showing a healthy situation. John, together with Bob Rainsley who audited the accounts, were both thanked and the accounts were accepted.

**Committee** The following were elected.

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

**President** Left open in memory of Cyril Bean

#### **Other volunteers for Specific duties**

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

#### **Footpath Overseers**

Walks 1, 2 & 3	John Aylmer & Bob Rainsley
Walks 4, & 5	Anne Wade & Vaughan Wade
Walks 6, 7 & 8	Bill Eve & Roger Brown
Walk 9	Miranda Aston & Ulli Ull
Walks 10, 11 & 12	Frank Tonkinson & Doug Shelton
Walks 13, 14 & 15	Alan Townsend & Bob Carey
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
A Coventry Way	Bob Brandon

*(Note: The full details of revised Overseers Walks covered was finalised during the days after the meeting)*

**Challenge 2014** Bob Brandon reported that the date would be Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**A.O.B.** The “thank you” skittles evening was a great success and will be repeated next year. After discussion about waterproof trousers for the working parties no final agreement was reached. An on line version of the 21 Walks book was discussed with a suggestion of employing professional assistance. Note was taken of gravel extraction between Ryton and Wolston in the near future. We will be asking Warwickshire CC to keep us informed.

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm.**

*(Note: Issue 2 content is mainly unchanged from Issue 1, other than improved formatting. However the Footpath Overseers list has been corrected w.r.t Walks 4 to 9.)*