

## TRAFFORD WILDLIFE (VIRTUAL) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Present were:

Jennifer Wood	David Reeves	Geoff Densham	Liz Blackman
Janet Turnbull	Maura Baker	Yolanda Martinez	Dez Densham
Tim Rogers	Marj Powner	Jean Dufty	Steve Leicester

Apologies: Hazel Powell, Mike Pettipher

1. Reports by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as sent out with the agenda were presented. These together with the AGM minutes will be published on the TW website (**GD**).
2. Matters arising from previous AGM:
  - 2.1. Coppice Avenue Library now has its own volunteer gardening group so no further action from TW.
3. Matters arising from reports:
  - 3.1 Donation to Sinderland Green church for car parking increased to £75 (**DR**).
4. Meeting agreed that the Chairperson Jennifer W, Treasurer David R & Secretary Geoff D would continue in their roles.
5. Birch Moss covert - futures.
  - 5.1 For investigation of the water vole ditch water quality perhaps need a hydrologist rather than an ecologist. Penny Anderson were involved in some of the original ecology work (**GD**). Maybe able to call on Mersey Rivers Trust expertise.
  - 5.2 The improvements around the ditch would demonstrate general biodiversity improvement rather than water vole improvement specifically.
  - 5.3 Heather area can be expanded further (**DR**).
  - 5.4 Fruiting thorns can be planted to west of heather area after birch clearance (**DR**).
  - 5.5 Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to Trafford & GMEU regarding both nature reserve conditions (Birch Moss covert and ManU nature reserve). (**MP** to assist **JW**.) The conditions may be time limited and now lapsed.
  - 5.6 Further potential planning threats from increased light pollution and also new ManU car park to west of Birch Road.
6. Willow Tit project – futures
  - 6.1 The closed UU operational land and the open UU land management areas are not currently available for willow tit habitats.
  - 6.2 Continue with proposed habitats on UU operational land to north side of UU works and on NT/Trafford land near Sinderland Brook. (**JW**)
7. Volunteer recruitment
  - 7.1 Looking to increase numbers by about 50% to cover normal turnover of people.
  - 7.2 Makers Market, Sale 11-4 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. **MB** leading. **MB & JT** to develop business card containing contact details - website & Facebook. **MB** to create photos, **GD** to bring visivests for visibility, few tools for talking points. Will need volunteers to cover the hours. (**ALL**)
  - 7.3 Church activity groups. **MB** to circulate TW details for Church newsletters.
  - 7.4 Make Facebook site open rather than closed for greater visibility (**MB**)
  - 7.5. Future ideas: QR codes on business cards, Sale U3A (**GD**). Hale U3A has already published TW info with little response.
8. Other potential work sites. **GD** talking with City of Trees regarding support of new tree plantation near Banky Lane. A limited support contract is in place so CoT to come back when have studied effectiveness of existing support contract.