

## **Friends of Cockleton Meadow**

Committee Meeting notes (11/01/18)

**Present:** Martin Bilson, Jean and Roger Bartrum, Terry Nolan, Sue Waters, Jane McKean

**Apologies:** None as all new committee were present

**Matters arising from last meeting** – still need confirmation of the ownership of boundary fence. Currently there is no fence between the forest school area and the old school site. Martin has agreed to chase.

### **Mission Statement**

The agreed Mission Statement is:- “The purpose of Cockleton Meadows is to provide an open space to the community for recreation and leisure to promote health and wellbeing. The priorities will be to maintain and improve existing areas that will enhance the environment for wildlife and people by protecting habitats and promoting educational and learning activities”.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The group decided that the Aims and Objectives are as follows:-

- 1 To become a sustainable and self-funding group.
- 2 To enable the site to be accessible to all.
- 3 To promote the awareness of the site and increase its use.

In able to achieve these in the next twelve months the group will:-

- 1 Apply for any relevant funding and open a Treasurers Bank Account for the group.
- 2 Continue to increase accessibility by ensuring that all pathways are accessible to those in wheelchairs, using pushchairs etc.
- 3 Posters will be produced for Gurnard Press, Gurnard Pines and Sainsbury’s in Cowes. The secretary will contact Gurnard Primary School and ask for an article to be added to the weekly school newsletter which is sent to all parents/carers of children in the school. Events will be held during the spring/summer promoting the butterflies/pond life at the site. Links will be made with John Ward at Gurnard Pines. A Saturday “Native Club” could be considered. To raise the profile of the site – local celebrities will be invited such as Alan Tichmarsh, Ellen McArthur and the new High Sheriff (Goya Minghella). Another Jo Cox memorial event will be considered plus “Having a Field Day”.

### **Dog Bin**

Members felt that if the footfall in the site is increased, it would be prudent to install a dog waste bin which is emptied once per week. A request will be made to Gurnard Parish Council (as leaseholders) to fund this.

Due to time constraints – the Business Plan will be reviewed by email and discussed at the next committee meeting.

### **Date of Next meeting**

Wednesday 7 February at 6.30pm in the café at Gurnard Pines (Fitness at Gurnard)

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.