

Suffolk IVC Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Date – Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 19:30

Venue – The Corn Exchange, Bury St Edmunds

Those attending

Shirley Horne	SH	Jenny Lowless	JL
Brad Rawlings	BR	Phil Riches	PR

The meeting was opened at 19:55

1) Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Judith Scott and Bill Mackintosh (BM).

2) Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the January 12th meeting were read and adopted.

3) Matters Arising

BM's suggestion of using a Cambridge Meetup group had still not materialised and it was felt that in view of other developments (see items 5/6) we should now leave this for the time being.

4) Officer's Reports

JL said that she would be adding new club nights for future months but that a form was needed to hand out to members for adding events; SH offered to prepare the form and PR said that he would put it on the members page of the website.

BR reported that membership was currently 36 plus one prospective. There had been a noted drop in enquiries since the loss of AE but it was hoped that the situation would be recovered with the revised website being produced by PR.

5) SIVC Website and Bulletin

PR said that all members would soon be able to log on to the 'Members' section of the SIVC website and that he would be sending out details of the procedure. He also requested more photos of club events and members for the site; at the moment he only had ones with BR in them ! There were various documents to be loaded including the Constitution and Dispute Procedures and also the aIVC Newslines when available. PR also gave details of 'website forwarders', addresses to enable simple contact with the whole committee and membership; BR to advise changes of personnel as they occur.

BR had produced a combined newsletter and bulletin for February showing a complete write-up for each event which had been sent out to all the membership at the end of January; he planned to continue with this format in the coming months.

6) Agoria, Go-Social and Meetup

PR had looked at Agoria and said it was only currently used by three clubs and not particularly supported by aIVC who had in any case found a way of using the Manchester Meetup group to advertise nationally available events. BR to update the SIVC committee details on the aIVC website.

7) Events

SH asked what we are doing about more events and how we can get more members involved in adding them. It was noted that two members in Hadleigh had distributed leaflets regarding their local monthly event but it was felt that this needed to be discussed with them in terms of getting the items onto the bulletin in an acceptable format. Other options were discussed including walks with Ramblers groups and more personalised events not hosted from outside groups. JL mentioned Ickworth and Cambridge Botanical Gardens as possibilities, SH thought she might repeat the Cambridge punting event and BR said he was looking at places to go during the year as a source of possible outings for the club.

8) AOB

SH said that she was less than impressed with the Xmas venue last year and felt that the club should be looking for other venues along the A14.

9) Date of Next Committee Meeting

This was agreed by those present to be at 6pm on the same day as the next club night, Monday, March 14th at the Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds.

Further dates were agreed to coincide with future club nights in Bury (JL to advise locations) as follows : Monday, April 11th; Thursday, May 12th; Monday, June 13th; Monday, July 11th; Monday, August 15th; and Monday, September 19th.

The meeting was closed at 21:23