



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Monday 20 July at 7.30 pm at the Union Chapel, Wellington Road, Fallowfield. All members are welcome to this important meeting. Formal business will comprise reports from the officers, and the appointment of officers and committee members for the forthcoming year. Current officers are: Chair, Sandy Broadhurst; Secretary, David Beetham; Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Dick Venes; Minutes Secretary, Steve Keeney; Website, Julian Fox; Archivist, Cos Harnasz. Other Committee members are Alec Cowan and Pam Flynn. Philippa Lloyd is resigning as a Committee member, and we are grateful to her for her major contribution to our work, not least her help with grant applications. Any new nominations for any of the above posts may be sent to the Secretary before the meeting or made at the meeting itself. The Secretary's Report for the year is printed overleaf. Other business will include introducing the new Sustrans North West Manager, Peter Green, to members (replacing Paul Thomas); and deciding priorities of the Friends for the coming year.

Sculpture Project Completion

Our big news this month is the successful completion of the sculpture project, following the workshops in April. The sculpture group of man, woman and child is sited on the open grass area near the entrance to Highfield Park, and we encourage you to go and see it. An official 'unveiling' took place on the evening of 2 July, and photos from the event are enclosed. The big group standing behind the sculptures includes members of the Committee, Peter Green (3rd from left) and sculptor Rachel Ramchurn (3rd from right, also central in another picture). Our thanks and congratulations go to Rachel for the successful completion of the project; also good wishes for the forthcoming addition to her family.

Bike Week Rides

Details of this year's rides are included in the Secretary's report. Here it is worth recording the huge numbers (70 were counted, of all ages) who took part in the first Sunday of bike week ride which we organised with the Mersey Valley Rangers from Chorlton Water Park along the Trans-Pennine Trail to Stockport and Reddish Vale, and back along the Loop. It shows how much interest we are generating, and reflects the growing number of users of the Loop of all kinds. For the diary we hope to run a ride on 16 August setting off from Chorlton Park at 11 in the other direction along the TTP to Dunham Massey and back via the Bridgewater Canal (details from the Sec.)