

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be special as we shall be using it to celebrate ten years of achievement since the Friends were founded in June 2001. All members who can are encouraged to join us at the meeting, and/or afterwards at around 9.30 pm in The Friendship Inn next to Sainsbury's on Wilmslow Road. Overleaf you will find the agenda for the AGM and the normal members' meeting which will follow. We have one vacancy on the committee, and any nominations or volunteers for this or any other position can be sent to David Beetham either before the meeting or made at the meeting itself. Current officers are as follows: Chair, Sandy Broadhurst; Secretary, David Beetham; Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Dick Venes; Minutes Secretary, Steve Keeney; Website organiser, Julian Fox; Archivist, Cos Harnasz. Other committee members, Colin Bennett and Linda Moulding. Pam Flynn is retiring as a committee member, and we extend our warm thanks to her for her valuable contribution to our work.

On page 3 of the Newsletter you will find the Secretary's annual report for 2010-11. Page 4 contains a map of the first part of the ride we did on 22 May for those interested in a useful route from the end of the Loop in Chorlton (now also St. Werburgh's Road Metro station) direct to Salford Quays and Media City.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 23 July: Second plant identification walk led by Dave Bishop, along the eastern section of the Loop. Meet at Sainsbury's car park in Fallowfield at 1 pm. Those who accompanied Dave on his first walk will attest to his unrivalled knowledge of both our native and imported species, and we are most grateful to him for giving up his time to share his expertise with us.

Sunday 21 August: Social ride on the Trans-Pennine Trail going west to the Green Dragon Inn in Heatley and back via the Bridgewater Canal towpath. 25 miles in total, mainly off road. Start at Sainsbury's car park at 10.30 am, or join us at Chorlton Park Beechwood Avenue entrance at 11 o'clock. Bring sandwiches etc., or buy lunch at the pub. Those under sixteen are welcome but should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Saturday 27 August: Celebrating Reg Harris Day. We'll be organising a ride from the old velodrome in Fallowfield along the Loop to the new velodrome at Sports City. Details will be circulated nearer the time via email.

Friends of the Fallowfield Loop

AGM Monday 18 July 2011, 7.30 pm

Union Chapel Wellington Road Fallowfield

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes and matters arising**
- 3. Secretary's annual report**
- 4. Unaudited accounts**
- 5. Membership report**
- 6. Reports from other officers**
- 7. Election of officers and committee**
- 8. Any other business**

Celebratory drink

Normal Members' Meeting

Agenda

- 1. Minutes of May 16 meeting and matters arising**
- 2. Reports on community orchard proposal and other matters**
- 3. Forthcoming events/activities**
- 4. Open Forum**
- 5. Any other business**
- 6. Next meeting: Monday 19 September, 7.30 pm**

Secretary's Report August 2010-July 2011

Organised rides

- 22 August 2010, TPT west to Heatley and back via the Bridgewater Canal
- 10 October, led Chorlton Wanderers' ride to Werneth Low
- 3 January 2011, New Year ride from Chorlton to Debdale
- 13 February, led Chorlton Wanderers' ride on Floop and Mersey Valley
- 22 May, 4 canals and 2 football grounds ride through city centre
- 19 June, Mersey Valley ride to Reddish Vale and return via Floop
- 24 June, evening adult social ride, twelve miles, seven pubs

Environmental

- 12 November 2010, clearing work and bulb planting with Manchester University students at the Sherwood Street entrance
- 10 December, won environmental award in the group category at the MCC Be Proud Awards 2010, recognising notable achievements by Manchester citizens
- 17 January 2011, Dave Bishop reports on his comprehensive plant survey of the Loop to members' meeting, and lodges a copy of his records with the Secretary
- 13 March, clean-up, bramble and sapling clearing and shrub planting at the Sandfold Lane entrance, with Sale and Altrincham Conservation Volunteers
- 7 July, opening of the Metro station at St. Werburgh's Road, with cycle ramp and parking racks and gated crossing campaigned for by members
- Ongoing clean-up work by Rangers throughout the year, including a meeting of Rangers with Sustrans volunteers organiser Mike Dagley on 6 December
- Liaison with Sustrans office on biodiversity, the mowing regime and other environmental issues, including on-site inspections

Community relations and promotion

- 24 October 2010, information stall and bike repair facility at the Levenshulme Festival
- 4 December, stall with Sustrans at sponsored walk event in Levenshulme
- 16 April 2011, stall at the Chorlton Big Green Festival
- Ongoing promotion of Community Mapping Guide to the Loop to key locations and passing travellers
- Six bi-monthly newsletters to members and stake-holders