

**NEXT MEETING****7.30-9.00PM****MONDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER 2018.****Union Chapel
Wellington Road
Fallowfield**

Welcome to September's Newsletter – it is coming to you earlier than usual to ensure you have notice of the Floopfest event on 15th September and also to ask if you can help us with the Friends of the Fallowfield Loop stall on the day. The main news items for this month are:

- **Report of Fotfl AGM.**
- **Floopfest**
- **Google map**
- **RIGS Assessment.**
- **Wildlife Champions**
- **Thursday Taskdays**
- **Station South update**

Report of Fotfl AGM. – There was a good attendance of members at the AGM and reports were given from the secretary, the treasurer and membership secretary. All reported that the past 12 months had been a productive and exciting year for the organization. Membership and finances have remained steady and the current committee were re-elected for another year. One committee member (Treasurer and Membership secretary) gave notice that he would be standing down at the next AGM, and it is also likely that other long serving members will step down in the near future.

We will therefore be looking for a new Treasurer and Membership secretary and new committee members in 2019. If you would like to know more about what these roles involve drop in to one of the bi-monthly meetings or contact the secretary, Frances McCann.

Floopfest - “**Floopfest**” will take place on Saturday 15th September 12.00 – 4.00pm.

The main festival hub will be at St Werburghs tram stop, Chorlton, with other hubs at Crayfield Road, Levenshulme and the The Donkey Sanctuary, Abbey Hey.

Stalls and events include: Live music, Art Attacks, Face Painting, Screen Printing, Making a Boggart, Pizza Bike, Mindful Making Coffee Cranks, Wildlife Wanders, Bee Keeping

There will be a musical “**Bee Ride**” to Chorlton starting at The Donkey Sanctuary (leaving at 12.30pm) with pickups at Levenshulme and Fallowfield. For more information and updates, go to Sustrans Facebook or Twitter@SustransNW or sustrans.org.uk/events

There will be 3 Floopfest event hubs and that this will ensure that communities along the length of the Loop are able to come to join in. We will be having Fotfl stalls at each hub, and this does require a considerable level of staffing. We particularly need people between 10.00am and 5.00pm at St Werburghs Road. If you are able to help us with a Fotfl stall on the day please contact Frances McCann.

Google map – the multi-layer Google map that members of Fotfl have been working on will be available from 15th September. Not only does the map show the full route and all access/exit places on the cycleway it also documents geographic, historic, social and environmental points of interest along the Fallowfield Loop. Currently only available through the Friends of the Fallowfield Loop website.

RIGS Assessment. – The Rigs assessment work to identify whether the part of the Loop rout between Ladybarn Lane and Lindleywood Road meets the national criteria for a designation as a Regionally Important Geological Site will commence in September.

Wildlife Champions – The Wildlife Champions will have their own stall and activities at Floopfest, so call in on them and find more about this national Sustrans project. Monthly wildlife walks are held on the Loop on the 4th Sunday of each month 10.30am – 12.30pm. Details can be found on the Fallowfield Loop Facebook and website pages.

For more information contact Ray, or Abigail at the Sustrans office **0161 923 6053**.

Thursday Task Days - 1ST and 3RD Thursdays the month - this team of volunteers have been crucial in making Floopfest possible. Ian Barker plans and leads the volunteer work mornings on the Fallowfield Loop on the first and third Thursday each month. To get latest information about the task days and to register to join in contact volunteers-north@sustrans.org.uk (telephone 0161 923 6050)

Once you are registered you will receive the fortnightly notifications about the up and coming task day, then all you need to do is to let Ian know if you are intending to come along.

Station South update – The renovation of South Levenshulme Station into a cafe, work space and community centre is progressing well. There is currently a crowd funding appeal to enable the community Interest Company that are working on the exciting project to build on the work that has been made possible so far. To find out more visit the project on the day of Floopfest at Crayfield Road or look at their website. <http://stationsouth.co.uk/>

Stop press – The next meeting of the Friends of the Fallowfield Loop will take place on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm at Union Chapel Fallowfield.