

# **Minutes of the Liberal Democrats Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover branch meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** Maggie Hird, Ruth Skelton, Ian Care, Martin Jones, Eric Ashburner, Mike Carr, Lucy Care, Janet Williams, Emily Lonsdale, Les Allen.

**Apologies:** Danielle Lind, Joe Naitta, Glenda Howcroft, Tom Bull

## **Matters Arising:**

Minutes were accepted as correct.

## **Reports from Wards:**

**Blagreaves Ward** The first draft of the next Focus is now complete. Joe Naitta has done several street stalls. The Liberal Democrat team attended the re- opening of the Library on Blagreaves Lane, which has become a CLM (Community Managed Library). This is to be mostly run by volunteers many of whom have got involved following an article in Focus.

**Littleover Ward** The September edition of Focus is now out and the next Focus has been started. There has been one survey about the problem of increased through traffic on Eastwood Road and another survey on the traffic problems at the bottom of Chain Lane. An issue has been raised regarding the new bridge over Hell Brook. This has been erected so that there is about a 2 foot drop onto the adjacent pavement. It will be difficult for able walkers and cyclists to access, and impossible for anyone in a wheel chair. The Council are to discuss the problem with the developers.

**Mickleover Ward** The next Focus is almost ready for printing. The Mickleover Team have had a couple of canvassing sessions; Station Road and Windsor Court, then Western Road and North Avenue (plus small roads in that area), using minivan. The response has been very promising. The parking letters requesting that hospital staff are considerate to local residents when parking on Mickleover roads nearer to the hospital have now been replaced by signs asking people to display resident parking cards on windscreens. These have been issued by the Conservative Councillors. There are concerns about the validity of the signs and also of the cards which have been issued to the residents as well.

## **Treasurer's Report/ Fundraising**

The Table Top sale made £160. There is approx £8000 in the account. There is to be a booksale on 26<sup>th</sup> October and a Craft Fair on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It will be held at the Mickleover Community Centre from 1.30 to 4.30 pm.

**AOB** It was suggested that there should be a litter bin at the top of The Hollow in Mickleover near the bridge, together with a dog litter stencil on the pavement to encourage dog users to clear up any dog mess.

## **Priorities for next year**

Recruit more volunteers via door knocking.

Sort helpers into teams for canvassing.

Decided to use messenger to inform people of time and place for canvassing.

Identify the best areas for canvassing. Verifying emails are now up to date for those members who are willing to supply an email address.

Hold a thank you party post -elections.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. (Note change of day due to the AGM)**

**Venue Great Northern Office**

**Time 7.30pm.**