

SWfA – Review and Refresh Sub-group
Meeting on 11th November by zoom 2.00pm-4.00pm
Present - Pat, Ronnie, Richard, Stuart, Neil

Discussion -

- Where we were after year 1 - everyone agreed the group had wandered a bit from the purpose it was set up to deliver. It had become a talking shop going over the same things time and time again without little progress.
- Where we are now - again it was agreed that since the AGM and the setting up of sub-groups things were shaping up better.
- Communication is still an issue.
- What we need to do to make this partnership as productive as possible -

Action -

Sub-groups should continue -

1. Operations and Stoppages - Richard
 2. Volunteers and Training - Ronnie and Richard
 3. Boaters Issues and Navigation and Safety - Don
 4. Social Media and Promotion - Stuart and Sue
 5. Reports from Crinan and Caley - Ronnie
 6. IWA Contact and Updates - Richard Davies
 7. RYA Contact and Updates - Jonathan Mosse
 8. Map App - Josie
- Reports from these sub-groups should form the basis of the Agenda of SWfA meetings.
 - The sub-groups would be encouraged to set out what they hoped to achieve over the next year. The Lead of each sub-group could perhaps prepare 1 slide for presenting at the next full meeting
 - They would be asked to create a simple reporting format which would capture their activity between full meetings. This report would be circulated with Minutes to allow everyone to become familiar with what was going on and raise questions at the meeting if necessary.
 - Also, they would be encouraged to recruit people to the sub-group with knowledge and experience to support the sub-group to achieve their goals
 - Stuart talked about the IT sub- groups ideas for a website, which would include a contact form for people to let us know of their issues, other avenues of social media and also creating an e-newsletter. All of these ideas should go some way to increasing communication.

We talked about -

- A way to attract monthly donations to SWfA from the general public. It was felt that this could take a lot of effort but perhaps for little return - on hold at the moment.
- Skills Audit that was carried out by Fergus. Neil felt this might be useful and Pat agreed to contact Fergus to find out how far this had got
- Richard talked about volunteers partnering with SC staff on a 1:1 basis - for example checking out reservoirs, water levels etc.

Once these actions have been put in place we will review after a few months.